How To Survive The Grit On The Road To Greatness! Grit Before Greatness! Exodus 3:7-8 - 4:17 February 21, 2016

Exodus 3:7, The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

How Do We Survive The Grit?

1) God Promises His <u>PRESENCE</u>

Exodus 3:11, But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²And God said, "<u>I will be with you</u>. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, <u>you will worship God on this</u> <u>mountain</u>." (Psalm 139:7-12)

2) God Gives Us The Power Of His <u>NAME</u>

Exodus 3:13, Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' Then what shall I tell them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "<u>I AM WHO I AM</u>. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '<u>I AM has sent me to</u> you...'" ²⁰So I will stretch out My hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. ²¹ "And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. **Isaiah 44:6,** "This is what the Lord says...<u>I am</u> the first and <u>I</u> <u>am</u> the last; apart from Me there is no God.

John 8:56, Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing My day; he saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to Him, "and You have seen Abraham!" ⁵⁸ "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, <u>I am</u>!" ⁵⁹At this, they picked up stones to stone Him...

3) God Sends Us With The Promise Of His <u>MIRACLES</u> (Exodus 4:1-9)

4) God Overcomes Our Physical LIMITATIONS

Exodus 4:10, Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon Your servant, Lord. <u>I have never been eloquent</u>, neither in the past nor since You have spoken to Your servant. <u>I am slow of speech</u> <u>and tongue</u>." ¹¹The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹²Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

5) God Sends Others To Accompany Us On The <u>JOURNEY</u> (Exodus 4:13-17)