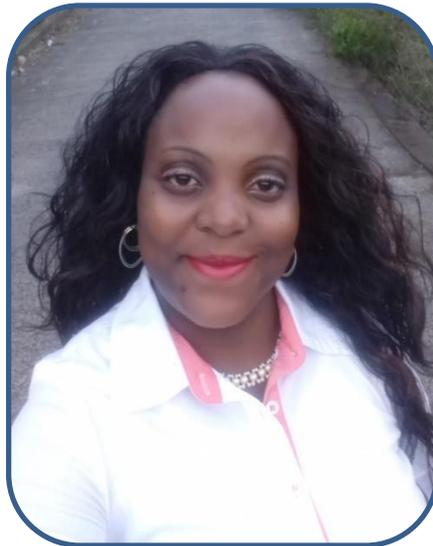


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TOPIC:

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SCRIPTURE:

The main scripture for the sermon was taken from Exodus 3:13-14. Additionally, several other reference scriptures are listed below.

Exodus 3:13-14 KJV

¹³ And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.

MESSAGE GOAL:

After accepting the invitation to speak, the Lord awakened me from my sleep around 3:00 a.m. Saturday morning and he said to tell His people I AM still I AM – in every situation and circumstance. The goal of the message was to be obedient and follow that instruction.

MESSAGE POINTS:

- The phrase translated “I am who I am” in Hebrew is *ehyeh asher ehyeh*. The word *ehyeh* is the first person common singular of the verb to be. For example, “I am watching the sheep,” “I am walking on the road,” or “I am his father.” However, when used as a stand-alone description, **I AM** is the ultimate statement of self-sufficiency, self-existence, and immediate presence.
- What was God’s purpose in this meeting with Moses? God’s purpose in that conversation with Moses was to reveal, as He never had before. God reminded Moses who He was in Exodus 3:6, “I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob....” But now He wanted to reveal another side of His character.

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- If He says that He is God, He is God. If He says that He is a Healer, He is a Healer. If He says that He is a Provider, He is a Provider.
- God chose not to be boxed in and grouped into one (1) name because He is **everything**. What He really was telling Moses is, whatever the Israelites needed, **I AM**. If they needed to be free, **I AM**; I can set them free. If they needed food or water, **I AM**; I can provide for them. If they needed shelter, **I AM**. When God identified Himself as **I AM WHO I AM**, He stated that, no matter when **I AM**. No matter how, **I AM**. And no matter where, **I AM**.
- The task ahead for Moses seemed difficult and impossible. Moses was afraid. Moses had a lot of doubt and anxiety. This was something that had never been done before. But God assured Moses that for every situation and for every circumstance, **I AM**. When you go into Egypt, **I AM**. When you go before Pharaoh, **I AM**. When you go to the Israelites, **I AM. I AM WHO I AM**.
- **I AM WHO I AM** is the God that does not change.

Malachi 3:6 KJV

For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Isaiah 40:28 KJV

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Revelation 1:8 KJV

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

- Let us fast forward to the book of John, we see **7 I AM** Statements being unfold, that describes the character and the nature of Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. **I AM** The Bread of Life

John 6:35 KJV

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

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John 4:13-14 KJV

¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

2. **I AM The Light of the World**

John 8:12 KJV

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

3. **I AM The Gate**

John 10:9 KJV

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

4. **I AM The Good Shepherd**

John 10:11 KJV

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

5. **I AM The Resurrection and the Life**

John 11:25-26 KJV

²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

6. **I AM The Way, The Truth and The Life**

John 14:6 KJV

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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7. **I AM The Vine**

John 15:5 KJV

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

- Let us go back to Exodus, chapter 5 where we discovered Moses arrived in Egypt; and delivered the message to Pharaoh.
- **Exodus 5:1–2 KJV**
 - ¹ And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.
 - ² And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.
- What is happening now? Pharaoh stood in opposition to the LORD. Pharaoh stood in opposition to the **I AM THAT I AM**. Moses followed the plan/instructions that God gave him; that the **I AM THAT I AM** gave him. But here comes opposition.
- However, despite Pharaoh's Opposition, Moses remembered **I AM**, and he did not give up. He kept pursuing Pharaoh. Eventually, the **I AM THAT I AM** led the Israelites on to victory and rescued them from Pharaoh and his army.
- Right now, you may have some opposition, standing before you; but I dare you to stand up before them and tell them who you are and whose you are. Tell them that you serve the Great **I AM**.
- Sometimes, we even try to be our own "**I AM**." and we even try to help God; but the **I AM** does not need your help/assistance.
- Later, in the New Testament, Jesus and Peter had a powerful conversation, about **I AM**.

Matthew 16:13-20 (KJV)

¹³ When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

¹⁴ And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

¹⁵ He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

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¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

- Now, Jesus already knew who he was! Also, Peter had the Spirit of Discernment to know who Jesus was. Saints of God, Brothers and Sisters, we are living in some serious times when we must know who God is. We must know who **I AM** is.
- Now, I ask you this question, who do you say that He is? It is not who the Pastor, Brother or Sister say that he is? But, who do **you** say that He is? Is he your **I AM**?
- The Lord told me to remind you this morning that he is still God. Yes, He is still **I AM**. The Lord said there would be some persons present here today who are discouraged, who are hurting, who are facing impossible situations; But the Lord sent me here to remind you that **I AM**. There are some who feel betrayed, stabbed in your back, you feel like all hope is gone, but tell them thus sayeth the Lord.
- Maybe like Moses, you were about to face a difficult, life-changing situation. Something you never did before; and you are fearful, and you are filled with anxiety. But the Lord says, **I AM THAT I AM**.
- Or, maybe like the Israelites, you cannot see no way out. You have been in bondage for so long. You have been oppressed for so long. But the Lord says **I AM**. I am still **I AM**. I hear the Lord saying, whatever you need **I AM**. Wherever you are, **I AM**. Whatever the situation, **I AM**.
- **I AM** means to fill in the blank. Whatever your need is, **put it there** because the Lord has already supplied all your needs. **I AM** doctor/nurse in the sick room, on the operating table, on even on your bed. **I AM** the judge/lawyer in the court room. **I AM** hope when all hope is gone. **I AM** a Healer to the sick. **I AM** Strength for the weak. **I AM** a Father to the fatherless. **I AM** Mother to the Motherless. **I AM** your Comforter. **I AM** your Peace. **I AM** your Joy.

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- Are you concerned about the BVI elections tomorrow? Even the day after, **I AM** will still be **I AM**.

I AM THAT I AM
Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh

THINKING IT OVER

In closing, I would like to go further and ask you a personal question, Who are YOU? Take the time to search through the scriptures and learn more about who you are. Let me start with a few – you are loved (John 3:6), you are free (Romans 8:2), and you are chosen (Ephesians 1:4). Now, let us make it personal (say it out loud).

I AM LOVED. I AM FREE. I AM CHOSEN.

AUDIO PRESENTATION:

The AUDIO version from this sermon is available online

About Ve-Anna



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