

Kicking and Screaming

Sometimes I tend to get stuck in my ways, so anything that changes my routine and plans can be very annoying. Worse yet, is our life's changes that are sometimes unsettling and painful, so we go on kicking and screaming. When that happens, I am reminded what God said, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, My ways are not your ways!" God knows that we need to be diverted from our ways in order to make our lives more productive than we would have if we had stuck to our original plans.

For example, Joseph who God sent to Egypt to prepare him to rescue God's chosen people from starvation. And Moses, who was sent from his luxurious lifestyle of Pharaoh's house to meet God in the wilderness in preparation to lead God's people to the Promised Land. Or Mary and Joseph, to whom the angel announced the most changes of all. Mary would be with child, and this child would be the Savior of all. And Joseph believed in the bigger purpose that God had for him. To surrender to this change and obediently call the new born baby, Jesus. Maybe they all felt like kicking and screaming, but the rest is a wonderful history.

God has greater things in store for us than we could ever imagine. May we be willing to adjust our plans and trust in God's plan for us. May we patiently wait for God plan to work in the circumstances of our lives, even though we may feel like kicking and screaming!

together through prayer and service,

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