

Through the years... Isa. 46:3-4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XGaWFrqG3A> – Way Maker

If ever there was a song to capture the accompaniment of God, it is Way Maker. Through this song the imagery of God's providence comes to the fore.

1. A way maker
2. Promise keeper
3. Light in the darkness
4. A God who is a very present help in all circumstances.

Because it is true that:

1. Without someone to correct our course we will crash
2. Without someone to direct our path we will be lost
3. Without someone to see us through the storm ... we will be battered and wrecked.

I am glad to report to you today that we who are called by his name have that somebody.

Our God is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

1. There is nothing too hard for God.
2. There is nothing He cannot handle.

Because we know who we are in Christ Jesus and what we mean to God, we can say with confidence " **My Go is the way maker**".

Antonette and I have been married for nearly thirty (30) years, and we have weathered many storms. One song that readily comes to mind when I think our journey through the years ... is that one by Kenny Rogers:

I can't remember when you weren't there

When I didn't care for anyone but you

I swear we've been through everything there is

Can't imagine anything we've missed

Can't imagine anything the two of us can't do

Through the years

You've never let me down

You turned my life around

The sweetest days I've found

I've found with you

Through the years

I've never been afraid

I've loved the life we've made

And I'm so glad I've stayed

Right here with you

Through the years

We both know what it feels like to be held and kept by a loving God.

The Bible tells us "If God is for us, who can be against us"

As it has been for us, and I am sure it is the story for many of you here today.

1. Our God is the burden-Bearer
2. He is the I Am.

When Moses was assigned to deliver the children of Israel, he asked God to validate him by giving him the name of the one who sent him. God replies in Exodus 3.

(Exo 3:14 KJV) 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.

"I AM" is the summary of Being.

1. I AM everywhere
2. I AM at all times
3. I AM all knowledge
4. I AM everything
5. I AM available

And as Moses learned that day, we ought to remember today, that the same I Am, the same God, that sent Moses to deliver Israel, has sent his son Jesus Christ to be with us!

And he is with us by the power of the Holy Spirit!

1. The Apostle Paul understood the power and presence of God and what that meant to him, and could therefore say:

(Ph 4:13 KJV) **I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.**

2. John got the message directly from Jesus:

(Joh 15:5) **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.**

Moses got it, John got it, Paul got it. Have you gotten it this morning?

So:

1. When people ask you: "Where is your God or Who is your Go?"
2. How do you respond?

You should with confidence with your shoulders held back, and with a smile on your face you should respond;

1. He is my strength, He is my healer, He is my deliverance, He is my I
Am
2. He is everything that I need or will ever need.

3. He is God all by himself.
4. He is my everything and He will supply all my needs for every situation!

God does not show up empty!

1. He does not show up with a " I don't know"
2. God shows up with a plan!
3. God always shows up with a plan!

When you go through the wilderness, know that the wilderness is just the pathway to your promised destination.

I don't know who I am talking to this morning. But know this:

1. God did not say you would have no problems
2. God did not say you would have no hardships
3. God did not say it would be painless
4. God did not say your journey would be easy

But He did say He would be with you every step of the way!

Isa. 46:3-4 reminds us:

**"Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob,
all the remnants of the people of Israel,**

**you whom I have upheld since your birth,
and have carried since you were born.**

⁴ Even to your old age and gray hairs

I am he, I am he who will sustain you.

I have made you and I will carry you;

I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

So:

1. hot or cold, wet or dry
2. whatever the climate,
3. whatever the condition
4. whatever the problem
5. whatever the temptation
6. whatever the failure
7. I will be with you

You need not fear, if you take God with you everywhere you go

(Nah 1:7) The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

1. You may be going through a trial right now, remember, God has a plan, you just trust him

2. Maybe you are feeling the financial crunch of unemployment right now, remember, God has a plan, you just trust him
3. Maybe you are dealing with sickness, remember, God has a plan, you just trust him
4. Maybe you are dealing with a failing relationship, remember, God has a plan, you just trust him
5. Maybe you are dealing with depression or anxiety right now remember, God has a plan, just trust him.

(Jer 29:11) For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for well-being, and not for calamity, in order to give you a future and a hope.

Through the years God has never let you down. He will not let you down now!

Amen!