

January was almost over, and I was getting anxious because I had yet to determine my focus for 2023. Finally, I realized there were two words I kept hearing or seeing. The words were moving and forward.

The first occurrence of these words began with my church. The church's theme for this year is "Salem>>Forward." Over the years, God has blessed my church, Salem, to do remarkable things in our community and internationally. Now, God is moving our congregation to the next phase. He is directing us to do even greater works and reach more people—especially our youth.

The next occurrence regarding these words was when I learned the theme for my sorority's 110th celebration this year. The theme is Moving Forward With Fortitude.

While on Facebook, I read a powerful quote written by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. which stated, "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

Hmm, the light bulb came on! Was the Lord telling me to move forward? And if so, where, how, and when? As a result, I have been seeking God for my next steps.

Just as God encouraged the Israelites to advance to their next destination, He tells us when to take the next step on our journey. God spoke to the Israelites at Horeb, also called Mount Sinai (where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments), and instructed them to go and possess the land He had promised their fathers. They had camped at this mountain for nearly a year, and it was time for them to move forward. This holy mountain was a focal point in their journey, not their destination. It was time to forge ahead to the promised land.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, God has a plan for our lives. At times, He has us stand still to learn and grow. He also allows us to enjoy victories as He prepares us to proceed to what He has called us to do, what He has promised us.

Dear God, thank You for making sure we do not stay too long in one place and for guiding us to know when it is time to move forward.

You cannot get there from here. March 2023

Those who walk with God, reach their destination.

Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.

Seeing God in Everything

Praise Prayer

You don't want to be where God was.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

Always remember that your present situation, is not your final destination.

Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 10:11-16, John 10:27	The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.			1 Give praises, Jesus sacrificed His life so that we would follow Him	2 Pray we realize that our moving forward starts with our salvation	3 Give praises, Jesus knows who we are	4 Pray we will listen to the voice of Jesus and follow Him
Philippians 3:12-14, Hebrews 12:1	5 Pray we will strive to reach what God has for us	6 Pray we will focus on God's will and purpose for our lives	7 Pray we will not dwell on past victories but look forward to new ones	8 Pray we will not dwell on past mistakes and failures	9 Pray for endurance during challenging times in our Christian journey	10 Pray we will let go of people and things that hinder our walk with God	11 Praise God, He is with us throughout our Christian journey
Exodus 14	12 Praise God, He is in control of people, nature everything	13 Pray we will focus on God and not our obstacle	14 Praise God, He hears us when we cry out to Him	15 Praise God, He helps us reach our destination no matter how impossible it may seem	16 Pray we realize God's grace covers our past, present, and future	17 Praise God, He loves us so much that He will fight for us	18 Praise God, He never loses a battle
Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 2:1-15	19 Pray we realize God desires our obedience and trust	20 Pray we will obey God when He directs us to move on	21 Praise God for His protection as He guides us on our Christian journey	22 Pray that our faith will be genuine even when we cannot see the outcome	23 Pray we realize God has a plan and purpose for every situation	24 Praise God, He sees when there is danger ahead and directs us to safety	25 Pray we realize God sometimes must change and develop us before we can move forward
Matthew 28:18- 20, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8	26 Praise God for supplying us with everything we need to move forward in our ministry	27 Pray we realize God wants us to go into all the world and share His gospel	28 Pray that the church will move beyond its four walls to lead others to Christ	29 Pray we realize God wants us to share His word with our family and friends	30 Pray we realize God wants us to share His word with our youth	31 Praise God, He is always with us	