

I am a man thirtyone years old and divorced, though I fought the divorce bitterly. I feel bad because I have no hope for the future; often I go home from church and cry. But there is no one to hold me when I cry. No one cares. What hurts most is that I've begged God for the grace to be single for His glory and to fix my eyes on Jesus, but nothing changes. I continue to fail.

I am a basket case emotionally, or on the verge of collapse. Something is very wrong. I'm so crippled and embittered that I can scarcely relate to others anymore. I feel I have to sit out the rest of my life in the penalty box.

Exodus 2:15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.



Psalm 139:23–24

**23 Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!**

24 And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Exodus 2:16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

18 When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"

19 They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

20 "And where is he?" he asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat."

21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.

22 Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become an alien in a foreign land."

23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

24 God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.

25 So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Joshua 1:9

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

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**You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand**

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
As Your love, in wave after wave
Crashes over me, crashes over me
For You are for us
You are not against us
Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in.**

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior**

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**You make me brave You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
Cause You make me brave
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the promises You made**

**My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine**

Exodus 3:1–22

1 NOW MOSES kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the back or west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb or Sinai, the mountain of God.

2 The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, yet was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, here am I.

5 God said, do not come near; put your shoes off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.

I am writing to testify of the marvelous grace of God. I've learned many lessons in my desert – my penalty box – but God has used my pain to bring me lovingly, mercifully to Him.

Just when I thought I was hopeless, God revealed my sin and self-centeredness that was my sad condition before Him. He stripped me of my pretensions and showed me my unbelief. I learned that God cannot simply be one of my options, but I must risk my life, my soul, my sanity on Him and Him only. I must believe that He is exactly who He says He is in His Word. When I was most bankrupt, He gave me the strength to forsake all and follow Christ.

Before, my focus was always on me: my happiness, my circumstances, my emotions. Now, it is on God. As a by product of focusing on Him, His joy is alive in me...thank God I'm out of the penalty box and back in the game.