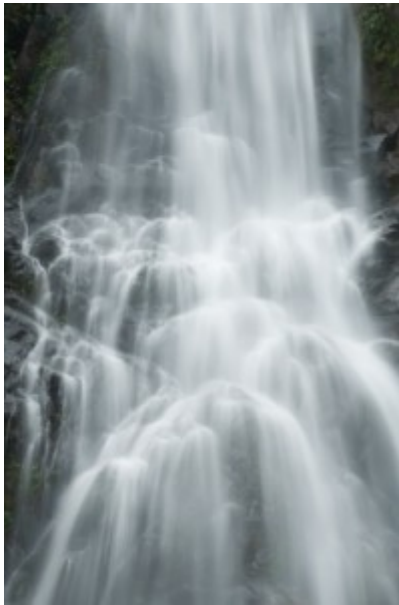


I AM



“And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’”
Exodus 3: 14

“And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.’” Revelation 21:6

Don't you just love how God settles everything?

With these few words, He gets to the root of the matter. As I came across the Exodus verse in my Bible reading today, I had to stop and think about it. I realized that because God is who He is, then I can be who He made me to be and can do what he made me to do. Everything I am and do rests on me cooperating with Him and following His plan for my life.

That is the very thing that can be a stumbling block for many people. They don't want to give up control of their lives, thinking that if they do, they'll be stuck in a drab, dreary life of boredom, or worse yet, doing something they don't want to do.

The verse in Revelation should settle those fears. Jesus says that He will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. I was curious about the word life, so I

looked up the connotation of the word life in Blue Letter Bible.

The Greek word for *life* is *zoe*, and I love it's meaning. Here are a few of its definitions: a full life; possessed of vitality; absolute fullness of life; active and vigorous; devoted to God, blessed.

This doesn't sound like a dry, unexciting life to me! On the contrary, a life lived out surrendered to God is a life of passion, fullness, and vitality. Yes, we will also experience tribulations as Jesus did, but it's a life that is full and rich of meaning and purpose and will reap a harvest for God's kingdom.

I can trust God to be my I AM in this adventure, especially when I am not ...

- the bold speaker He has asked me to be
- the attentive wife He has called me to be
- the brave witness He has asked me to be
- the leader he has asked me to be, and so on

Because He is I Am, I am too.

Pray on!

Jane

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