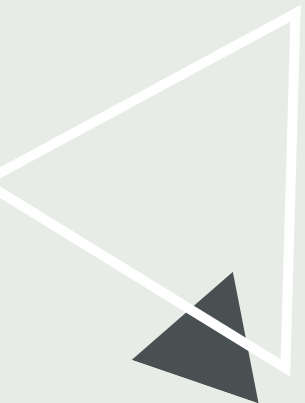


YOUNGER

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OUTRAGEOUS MIRACLES



NUMBERS 22:23

WHEN THE DONKEY SAW THE ANGEL OF THE LORD STANDING IN THE ROAD WITH A DRAWN SWORD IN HIS HAND, IT TURNED OFF THE ROAD INTO A FIELD. BALAAM BEAT IT TO GET IT BACK ON THE ROAD. THEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD STOOD IN A NARROW PATH THROUGH THE VINEYARDS, WITH WALLS ON BOTH SIDES. WHEN THE DONKEY SAW THE ANGEL OF THE LORD, IT PRESSED CLOSE TO THE WALL, CRUSHING BALAAM'S FOOT AGAINST IT. SO HE BEAT THE DONKEY AGAIN.

THEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD MOVED ON AHEAD AND STOOD IN A NARROW PLACE WHERE THERE WAS NO ROOM TO TURN, EITHER TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT.

WHEN THE DONKEY SAW THE ANGEL OF THE LORD, IT LAY DOWN UNDER BALAAM, AND HE WAS ANGRY AND BEAT IT WITH HIS STAFF. THEN THE LORD OPENED THE DONKEY'S MOUTH, AND IT SAID TO BALAAM, "WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU TO MAKE YOU BEAT ME THESE THREE TIMES?"

BALAAM ANSWERED THE DONKEY, "YOU HAVE MADE A FOOL OF ME! IF ONLY I HAD A SWORD IN MY HAND, I WOULD KILL YOU RIGHT NOW." THE DONKEY SAID TO BALAAM, "AM I NOT YOUR OWN DONKEY, WHICH YOU HAVE ALWAYS RIDDEN, TO THIS DAY? HAVE I BEEN IN THE HABIT OF DOING THIS TO YOU?"

"NO," HE SAID.

THEN THE LORD OPENED BALAAM'S EYES, AND HE SAW THE ANGEL OF THE LORD STANDING IN THE ROAD WITH HIS SWORD DRAWN. SO HE BOWED LOW AND FELL FACEDOWN.

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ASKED HIM,
“WHY HAVE YOU BEATEN YOUR
DONKEY THESE THREE TIMES? I
HAVE COME HERE TO OPPOSE YOU
BECAUSE YOUR PATH IS A RECKLESS
ONE BEFORE ME. THE DONKEY SAW
ME AND TURNED AWAY FROM ME
THESE THREE TIMES. IF IT HAD NOT
TURNED AWAY, I WOULD CERTAINLY
HAVE KILLED YOU BY NOW, BUT I
WOULD HAVE SPARED IT.”

BALAAM SAID TO THE ANGEL OF THE
LORD, “I HAVE SINNED. I DID NOT
REALIZE YOU WERE STANDING IN
THE ROAD TO OPPOSE ME. NOW IF
YOU ARE DISPLEASED, I WILL GO
BACK.”

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD SAID TO
BALAAM, “GO WITH THE MEN, BUT
SPEAK ONLY WHAT I TELL YOU.” SO
BALAAM WENT WITH BALAK'S
OFFICIALS..

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SCRPTURE

Read Numbers 22

OBSERVATION

What is God showing you in this passage?
What stands out to you?

APPPLICATION

How can I apply what I have just read to my life?

PRAYER

write down your prayer





3 POINTS

LESSON FROM BALAAM

- 1** ■ GOD TOLD BALAAM TO
“SPEAK ONLY WHAT I TELL YOU”
HE HAD TO LISTEN CLOSELY TO GOD
- 2** ■ AS SOON AS THE DONKEY REARED OFF,
BALAAM WAS MAD AND BEAT THE DONKEY!
HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU REACT TOO
QUICKLY?
- 3** ■ WHEN BALAAM REALISED HIS MISTAKES HE
BOWED DOWN AND APOLOGISED. ARE YOU
QUICK TO SAY SORRY WHEN YOU HAVE
MADE A MISTAKE?

RESPONSE

THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU HEARD GOD SPEAK TO YOU. ASK HIM TO SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN NOW.

ASK HIM WHAT THINGS IN YOUR LIFE HE IS PROUD ABOUT.

SPEND SOME TIME WRITING A LETTER TO GOD ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL TODAY. THINK ABOUT THE THINGS IN YOUR DAY YOU WANT GOD TO BE INVOLVED IN.