

A'ole (ah-oh-lay) Kala (kah-lah) - NO Substitutes

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Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed (discouraged; confused), for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'
Isaiah 41:10 (New King James Version (NKJV))

The common thread in all we do in our lives, no matter what the translation, when it comes to we who know God as Father and Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the Word of God, begins with a Promise and Command.

The Promise from God is, ***"I AM with you."*** But, note that the Promise from Him is preceded by the Command, ***"FEAR THOU NOT"***. And, take note that God directs that at us personally, because He says, ***"THOU"*** (you; me; us), the one He is talking to; the one He is dealing with; the one He is instructing. NO ONE ELSE! (**Isaiah 41:10**)

It's our responsibility to accept accountability and to receive from God the promises that He has declared and set aside for us. No one else, but ours and ours alone! Others will benefit from our promises coming to pass, but those promises made directly to us are to be received, believed in, and acted on by the one to whom God has given it.

Jesus tells Peter this in **John 21:21**, when he responded to Peter's attempt to disengage Jesus' focus off of himself and redirect that focus onto John. Jesus tells Peter, in short, ***"it's none of your concern (business) what I have in store for him (John). You pay attention to what I'm telling you."*** (paraphrase..) The Amplified Bible says, ***"What concern is it of yours..YOU follow Me!"***

Remember that. When God is dealing with you about something going on in your life and is speaking to your heart about what you need to do, don't be like Peter and point at others or like Jonah and try to run from it because you don't like what you're hearing. (**Jonah 1:1-3**)

Contrary to many people's ways of thinking, not "everything" is about you or me. It's not! Most people aren't even thinking of you when you think that they are. They've got their own stuff happening in their lives to be concerned about. And, even if they are, it doesn't matter. When God speaks to YOU, it's for YOU, YOUR ears, YOUR eyes, YOUR heart, and YOUR Action.

So, when you know God is talking to you, and you WILL KNOW when He is (IF you KNOW His WORD), then you are to be like the prophets Isaiah and Samuel, open your ears, your eyes and your heart, and respond, ***"Speak to me, your servant (Your child who serves You)..", "Here I am LORD."*** (**I Samuel 3:10**)(**Isaiah 6:8**)

Then ACT on that Word. You'll be blessed and so will many others around you, because of your obedience and faith. You are Blessed TO BE a Blessing In JESUS CHRIST! AMEN!!

I'Mua I IESU KRISTO (Move Onward & Upward in JESUS CHRIST)

I'Mua I AKUA! (Move Onward & Upward in GOD)