

## 21-MAR-2021\_ Expediency and Time awareness

*(Vision of a lamb being cared for)*

(Expediency and Time awareness, speaking: ) I lead you to rest beside the still waters, and then up we go, back on your feet again. For time waits for none. God's got this world on His schedule and all will be done according to the plan.

Up we go again, once more at the fight. You have been restored, in body, mind and spirit. And now we must reach that other side. Let's go.

I see you are limping. Something has gotten stuck in your foot. That's why the fever and the need to rest. We'll turn off for a while until that gets fixed up and removed. It will, in the end, make the journey go faster if we stop to have healing time before carrying on. You'll be able to then skip, rather than limp haltingly along.

Thorns and brambles that lodge in your foot are sometimes hard to detect until you are up and walking and can feel the pain with every step. They can be hard to remove too, if they have worked their way in deeply from the daily carrying on, adding weight to the foot. You can't just ignore these issues, but must get help.

Maybe if you hadn't taken that side path in the thoughts of your mind you wouldn't have gotten pricked. Maybe if you'd stayed a whole lot closer to the King you might have missed out on this deep wound that now needs fixing.

But up we'll go now to the rock of healing. I'll place you there while Doctor Jesus takes His tools and works on your sore and hurting foot. It won't be easy, and the pain will seem unkind. But it's all to make your walk better and easier.

He would love to only give you good times all your life, and maybe a whole lot more of those kinds of times are more likely to happen the closer you now stay by His side. But he can't just let things like this go on. He cares about you. So just close your eyes and let it be done unto you.

Once the thorn has been dislodged, then comes a time of cleansing and healing. You'll be up on your feet again before the day is over. I'm glad for that. For my job is to keep you on track and making it to your destination.

Maybe next time I see you start to stray I won't let the thorns get the better of you. Instead I'll do my job of pricking you, pricking your conscience, and using a bit of technique to keep you from straying. That would speed up our journey.

So if you feel a bit of pain of heart or mind, maybe it's to keep you from straying. Maybe it's to keep you on track and so we waste less time. It's not because I like to poke and prod but because you and I have a job to do, and it will take effort to make it on time.

What roads tempt you to walk down them? Roads of self-pity, which is the opposite of praise.

What is praise? Praise is saying, "I love You, Jesus more than these—any of these things that try to move me."

Praise is controlling the waves and the wind of your emotions' sea. It's the weapon used to calm and control your soul.

Praise doesn't get uptight when things don't go your way, but sees the good, the better that is being done—even if it is to your own hurt. Praise is glad that good is being done.

I love you sweetheart. Let's keep going, faster and faster, because of the shield and weapon of praise.