

DON'T QUIT !

"(v.1) Then the LORD told Moses, 'Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. When he feels the force of my strong hand, he will let the people go. In fact, he will force them to leave his land.'

(v.2) And God said to Moses, 'I am Yahweh—'the LORD.' (v.3) I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El-Shaddai—'God Almighty'—but I did not reveal my name, Yahweh to them. (v.4) And I reaffirmed my covenant with them. Under its terms, I promised to give them the land of Canaan, where they were living as foreigners. (v.5) You can be sure that I have heard the groans of the people of Israel, who are now slaves to the Egyptians. And I am well aware of my covenant with them.

(v.6) 'Therefore, say to the people of Israel: 'I am the LORD. I will free you from oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. (v.7) I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt. (v.8) I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the LORD.

(v.9) So Moses told the people of Israel what the LORD had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery."

Exodus 6:1-9

New Living Translation

The human race is in **trouble**—has been for a long time.

Life is very hard and tough for many today.

We are deeply **discouraged** and want to quit.

God says: "NO—DON'T QUIT! And here are the reasons why!

1—God says: Don't quite because of who **I AM** !

"(v.2) God says to Moses—'I am Yahweh—'The LORD.'

(v.3) I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and to Jacob as El-Shaddai—'The Strong God'—but I did not reveal my name Yahweh—'I am LORD' to them."

These verses reveal significant insights into God's character. Who is our God?

He is the God who **speaks!**

You notice in this text that God said, 'I am the LORD'.

God spoke to Moses. God spoke this literally. God communicated with Moses

POINT→ God is a God who speaks to his people—directly to **you!** Probably most often through His written word.

He is the God who **reveals** Himself!

In speaking to Moses, God told him who he was→'I am the LORD.'

POINT→ In essence God says, You can count on me. Don't quit because this is who I am.

I am the God who reveals myself to you. I am the God who keeps His covenant with you.

#2—God says—Don't quit because I remember.

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These verses reveal:

God remembers His past **promises!**

God remembered his covenant with Abraham 400 years earlier.

POINT→ God acted on what He had promised—he does not forget!

You can be thankful—God has not forgotten you! He remembers you. He knows the promises he has made to you!

God remembers you with **compassion!**

God knows all our trials. He hears our groaning. He is aware of our enslavement. And He comes to us with great understanding and compassion. When we go to him, great things happen!

#3—God says—Don't quite because I propose!

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God proposes **deliverance**.

God proposed to do marvelous things. It's not on you. God said: 'I will do this.'

God will deliver us from slavery—any and all kinds.

God proposes **possession**.

I belong to God—absolutely. More than that—He belongs to me! I am His and He is mine.

What a marvel this is. God has a relationship with His people—you and me!

God proposes **provision**.

POINT→ God is so good to those who turn to Him completely.