

****Bumper Video – final countdown ONE MAN BAND**

What a band...

If you can do everything yourself, why would you ever use someone else's help ... why would you include others... you would just do it all yourself.

God is able to do everything & and He does a lot of things by himself. He is a **<1 man band>**

Romans 11:36 (NIV) For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.(NIV)

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.(NIV)

John 1:3 (NIV) Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Talk about **<1 man band>**... God does whatever stuff he wants... and He does it by himself...

God created the heavens and the earth... He did it by himself every day of Creation.

It was God by Himself that formed Adam and breathed life into Him.

God Himself spoke to Abram and formed an everlasting Covenant. God alone formed this covenant with Abraham. We are a part of this covenant. We are covenanted to God alone... Not to a denomination, not to a nation, not to a religion, but to God alone.

God alone parted the red sea.

God alone wrote the 10 commandments into stone tablets.

It was God that tore down the walls of Jericho... It was God who put the words in the mouths of His prophets.

He didn't need to ask permission. He didn't need help. He didn't seek a 2nd opinion. He is God – the ultimate 1 man band

Genesis 17:1 (NIV) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.(NIV)

<El Shaddai – All-Sufficient One>

When mankind needed a savior... It was God Himself who came to save us. This one man band, the Deity of the universe robed himself in flesh. He alone was nailed to the cross, he alone was paying the Price!

Acts 20:28 (NIV) Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.(NIV)

He purchased us with His Church with His own blood. No one else purchased us...

He's coming back for His church. There will be a great war and He will have an army of angels with Him... but make no mistake... He wins this battle with His own power and authority.

He is all-sufficient! He can do it by himself, for himself... He doesn't need the materials... he speaks them into existence... he doesn't need permission because He has all power in His hand... He is in NEED OF NOTHING... That is just His nature... He is the perfect one man band.

<We need God.. He doesn't need us..>

Perhaps you haven't noticed... but humans mess up... a lot

We are greedy, lazy, angry, unfocused, forgetful, kinda dumb sometimes, slow to learn, hypocritical, short tempered, impatient, we often miss the point, we settle for cliché's rather than truth, we have short attention spans... on and on

We have a lot of lack... And God lacks nothing

It would be easy to understand why God, El Shaddai, would choose to do things by Himself...

We should understand that perfectly... Have you ever avoided asking someone else to do something that you felt you could do better? Most people are terrible at delegation for this very reason.

<It's impossible for God to need us>

Unless of course, the infinite one created a situation... a situation that required an action from us... a situation that depended on us... a situation that was out of his infinite will and control...

If God did that... then in the context of that situation –

<It's possible for God to need us>

We see situations just like this in the bible...

Adam & Eve – I, God created this world, you oversee this world, name creatures, care for my creation, be fruitful & multiply

Noah – I need you to build an ark...

God could have built the ark, he could have come up with another situation that didn't need human involvement... He purposefully made a situation where he needed 1 man to do something.

Abraham – I, God have a plan to bless you and make you the Father of many nations... What I need you, Abram, to do is walk... I'll give you the land... but I need you to walk

Mary – “Blessed are you among women Marry...” I need you to be a mother for Jesus Christ my son...

He didn't create Jesus from the dust of the earth like He did Adam... He created a SITUATION...

Followers of Jesus - Jesus, having paid the price for our salvation on the cross, having defeated death, hell, and the grave, having resurrected from the tomb.... He informs his followers of a SITUATION.

Jesus, having done what no one else could do.... Now needs his disciples to do something..

GREAT COMMISSION

I'm trying to tell you that El Shaddai, the all-sufficient one, has created a situation where He needs you... He needs your ability, he needs your courage, he needs your voice, your hands... HE NEEDS YOU

IT SEEMS LIKE A TERRIBLE STRATEGY... The God who CANNOT fail has hinged His entire plan upon us.

Romans 10:13-15

Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."(NIV)

Romans 10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?(NIV)

Romans 10:15 And how can they preach unless they are sent?

Who can preach Jesus in this situation...?

Acts 11:13 He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.(NIV)

Angels can't preach Jesus...

Acts 11:14 He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.!(NIV)

Nature can't preach Jesus...

Nature can point you to a Creator... But it cannot declare Jesus.

The Angel said... send for Peter... the angel did not say go look outside at the beautiful nature God created.

God... Won't preach the Gospel... It's not that He can't... because He can do ALL THINGS... It's that He has purposefully created a situation that calls for YOU.

<YOU can declare Jesus!>

Yes you! You can do a work that Angels can't do.

This God who can do all things has created a situation where you are more than needed... you are essential.

Your friends need to meet Jesus – You are essential

Your family needs to hear about salvation – You are essential

Don't just come to church and warm a seat – You matter! You are essential to God's plan!

Perhaps you know that today I am being ordained as Lead Pastor of Redemption Church... You might be here today to celebrate my ordination, I really appreciate that... We will take care of that in a little while, but first I want to tell you about YOUR ORDINATION.

<ORDAIN – to confer holy orders on. To appoint.>

Do you know that God has Holy orders for you? To be salt and light in the world? To declare Jesus Christ? To make disciples? To fulfill the great commission? Do you know it? He has appointed you to do what no one else can do.

You are kind of a big deal!!

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (NIV)

MUSICIAN

We are going to be coming to this Altar to talk to God in a few minutes.

Have you been walking in your ordination? Have you been doing what God NEEDS you to do?

I want to tell you a story from my life.... It involves 2 roads and Taco Cabana

The year was 2001 and I was

If you can do everything yourself, why would you ever use someone else's help... why would you include others... you would just do it all yourself. - God's motivation is Love