

CRY OUT!

*I'm bursting to share the Hebrew root words for this Scripture!
Read it, believe it, live it, and be blessed.*

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***"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great
and mighty things, which you do not know."
Jeremiah 33:3***

Mid-2015, I attended a weekly Bible study half an hour away. On my drive there the first evening, I sought the Lord in prayer, as I'd been waiting for a **breakthrough** with a specific situation.

As my car approached an intersection, I saw a **phone number** on a business sign-- it had **three 3's** in it. The well-known, easily memorized, and oft quoted Jeremiah **33:3** came to mind. I immediately sensed the Lord say, 'Speak the verse **out loud**.'

So, I said **out loud**, 'I call to You, Lord, and You will answer me, and show me great and mighty things I do not know.'

A moment of comfort came with that truth.

As I stopped at the next light, I was fascinated to see another business sign with a different **phone number**, also with **three 3's** in a row. The Holy Spirit said again, 'Speak the verse **out loud**,' and then added, 'this time, **louder**.'

My thirst for God overpowered any self-consciousness, and since I was alone in the car, it didn't matter anyway. So I **cried out** the verse to God, this time twice as **loudly** as before.

Tears trickled down my face.

I was now **broken, undone, and suddenly aware of my complete and utter dependence** on God.

I prayed the verse yet again,
listing all the specific things I longed for Him to show me.

Sure enough, as the **Lord of hosts** would have it, as I turned onto the last street, I saw a **third** business sign-- yup, you guessed it, a third and different **phone number** with **three 3's** in a row. This time God said, '**Shout it!**'

So I did.

I cried, and I **cried out** to God.

I wasn't yelling at Him--

It was a **humble, desperate, sincere call**.

And it was **loud**.

Can I tell you what happened? Breakthrough.
That night,
life-changing,
ground shattering,
heaven-shaking healing took place-
in both my emotions and my body.
And it happened after I **called out to God with my voice.**

This breakthrough intrigued me, so I did a word study on Jeremiah **33:3**. Here are a few meanings for each key word in this verse, according to their Hebrew root words:

'Call' can be translated,
to **call out**, recite, read, **cry out**, **proclaim**,
utter a **loud sound**, summon, invite.

'Answer' can also mean
to testify, speak, shout, respond as a witness,
sing, utter tunefully, dwell. (*How beautiful is this?*)

'Show' also means
to be conspicuous, tell, make known, declare,
announce, report, expound, publish, avow, acknowledge.

'Great' can mean
large (in magnitude and extent, in number, in intensity),
loud (in sound), of importance,
distinguished (of men), or God Himself.

'Mighty things' can be translated,
things that have been gathered, restrained, fenced in,
fortified, made inaccessible, enclosed, cut off, secret;
it means mysteries, or things withheld. (*How exciting!*)

'Know' can also mean
to perceive, see, find out, discern, recognize, admit,
consider, be acquainted with, to be skillful in, be wise;
be made known, be revealed, declare, reveal oneself.

*Are you exploding yet?
Isn't this exciting?*

If I may (in no attempt to re-word God's Word-- just sharing how He has taught me understanding of this verse), simply using the root words, I'll put this altogether in one big wonderfully wordy paragraph of what I see the Lord telling us to do in Jeremiah **33:3**--

*Cry out to Me with your voice!
Summon and invite Me!
Utter a loud sound and call for Me!*

*When you do, I will respond.
I will testify, speak, shout, and sing to You.*

I will dwell with you.

*As I do, I will make conspicuous to you,
tell you, declare, announce, and report to you,
great and mighty,
large, intense, magnificent,
important, distinguished things--*

***I will reveal to you things that have been
restrained, fenced in, fortified,
made inaccessible, enclosed, withheld,
cut off, secret, and mysterious.***

*I will make things known to you
that you have not yet known, perceived,
experienced, admitted, or been acquainted with.*

*And I will reveal Myself to you.
I will make Myself known to you.*

CHALLENGE

Do you want this?

Call out to Him with your voice.

I've come to understand that 'crying out with my voice' is a discipline. Just as fasting, praying, tithing, memorizing Scripture, and honoring the Sabbath may not make sense in the natural, calling out to God may not either.

After all, God is everywhere, and He's always with us.

He knows our thoughts before we think them
and our words before we speak them.

He knows our needs without our having to voice them.
He isn't a dear grandfather whose hearing aid is broken.

(Psalm 139, Jeremiah 23:24, Matthew 6:8)

Then why would He tell us to call with our voices to Him?

Like all the other Christian disciplines, He tells us to do it by **faith** and with **expectation, trusting Him** to keep His Word. It forces us, in our prideful state of humanity, to **humble** ourselves with an attitude that **admits** there are things beyond our understanding.

When we,
by obedience to God,
do what does not come naturally,
He releases
what only He can do
supernaturally.

It was no coincidence that the series of **three 3's** appeared **3 times** in a row, and in **phone numbers**.

Yes, indeed, **call to the Lord of hosts with your voice...now!**



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