



Mt. Olive Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD

Week One...

God's Word Has Supreme Authority

God's Word Brings Order To Chaos

God's Word Gives Access To Increase

God's Word Must Be Obeyed To Access Opportunities

God's Word Gives Principles That Lead To Production

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Week Two.....

Principle #1

Trust What God Said vs. Temptation of What I See

Principle #2

Trusting Your Thoughts vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #3

Repetition Of The Routine vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #4

Trusting My Skill/Talent vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #5

Can't Give Up What I Have vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #6

Relying On The Flesh vs. Taking God At His Word

Principle #7

The Severity of the Situation vs. Taking God At His Word

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Last Week....

God's Word Reveals The Outcome

Keep The Outcome In Mind... We Facing Opposition

*Don't Allow The Opposition To Make You Miss
Your Opportunity To Grow*

*God Does Not Reveal All The Details Toward The Destination
He Uses The Details For Your Development*

*Although We Reach The Same Destination
Our Development Is Not The Same*

*God Will Not Require You To Take Him At His Word
Until You Have Been Placed In Position To Hear His Word*

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Introduction

Many People Have A Familiarity With Jesus' First Miracle

Turning Water Into Wine

But There Is So Much More.....

*At The Beginning Of The Chapter There Is **INSUFFICIENCY***

*At The End Of The Chapter There Is **INCREASE***

*How Did They Get From **Insufficiency** To **Increase***

INSTRUCTIONS

*Obedience To God's Instructions.... Opens The Door For **GREATER OPPORTUNITIES***

*When the believer actually **TRUSTS GOD** and does what he is **told to do**,
it opens the door wide for God to do what only He can do.*

***OBEDIENCE** is defined as*

*“Dutiful or Submissive **COMPLIANCE TO THE COMMANDS** of one in authority”*

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HOW DO I TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD? JUST DO IT!!!!

KEY VERSE

John 2:1-11 (NKJV)

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "*They have no wine.*"

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants,

"WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU, DO IT."

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

7 Jesus said to them, "**FILL THE WATERPOTS WITH WATER.**" And **THEY FILLED THEM UP TO THE BRIM.** 8 And He said to them, "**DRAW SOME OUT NOW, AND TAKE IT TO THE MASTER OF THE FEAST.**". **AND THEY TOOK IT**

9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (*but the servants who had drawn the water knew*), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

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WHATEVER.....

However Contrary It may seem... DO IT...

Regardless Of How Difficult, Different, or Demanding
STILL DO IT!!!

Regardless of How Strange, Simplistic, or Strenuous
STILL DO IT!!!

When You Don't Have **ALL THE DETAILS...** When You Don't Get **AN EXPLANATION**
STILL DO IT!!!

People Are too full of Opinions, Questions, Ideas, and Arguments

They will **NOT** make a move without **AN EXPLANATION**. They want to **UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING BEFORE** they do what God is telling them to do.

They want to give God their opinions. They want to tell Him why it **won't work!**

WHATEVER GOD SAYS..... DO IT!!!

Mark 11:24 (NIV)

24 Therefore I tell you, **WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR** in prayer,
BELIEVE that you have received it, and **IT WILL BE YOURS.**

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WHATEVER.....

Biblical Examples

Noah Had Never Seen Rain

Genesis 6:14-21 (NIV)

14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.

16 Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

Genesis 6:22 ~ Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT)

*7 It was **BY FAITH** that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. **HE OBEYED GOD**, who warned him about things **that had never happened before**.*

***BY HIS FAITH** Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that **COMES BY FAITH**.*

Whatever Is Included In The Whatever ~ Do It By Faith!!!

Walk Around The Wall For 7 Days ~ Dip In The Muddy Water 7 Times

Sacrifice Your Only Son On Mountain ~ Ask Your Neighbor For Empty Vessels

Speak To The Rock ~ Strike The Rock ~ Speak To The Dry Bones

Whatever HE SAYS.....

Many People Don't Like Being Told WHAT TO DO!!!

The moment a person chooses to become a believer, a follower of Christ, they give up their personal choices. At that moment they make Jesus LORD.... THE CHIEF BOSS, Sovereign Ruler over their ENTIRE LIFE.

Is He Your Lord?

Does He Have Supreme Authority

Example ~ Being Young At Parent's Home

Example ~ On Your Job

Luke 6:46-49 (NLT)

46 "So why do you keep calling me 'LORD, LORD!' when you don't DO WHAT I SAY?"

How Much Do You Love Him?

John 14:15 (NIV)

15 "If you love me, YOU WILL OBEY WHAT I COMMAND."

If You Can't Keep His Command In Certain Areas...

Is There Something You Love More Than HIM...

Examine All The Giving Commands ~ Your Love For Shopping, ect...

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HE SAYS.....

You Can't Take Him At His Word... If You Don't Know It

He Speaks To Us Through His Word

There Are 1050 New Testament Commands For Us To Obey

He tells us what to Abstain From

He tells us what to Ask For

He tells us what to Avoid

He tells us what to Beware Of..

He tells us what to Believe In..

He tells us what to flee from

He tells us what to follow

He tells us what to keep

He tells us how to give, when to give, who to give to...

He tells us how to live, to pray, to serve, love, and to forgive

He Speaks To Us Through The Holy Spirit

John 16:13 (NLT)

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

He Speaks To Us Through His Preachers

Example of Elijah and Widow Woman

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TO YOU.....

God Will Personalize Our Instructions Based On Our Need

There Are General Instructions, Then There Are Personal Instructions

John 2:6-8 (NIV)

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

*7 Jesus said to the servants, "FILL THE JARS WITH WATER";
so they filled them to the brim. 8 Then he told them,
"NOW DRAW SOME OUT AND TAKE IT TO THE MASTER OF THE BANQUET."
They did so....*

*Their Instructions Were Based On What They Had Already!!!!
What they needed to perform the miracle was in their midst;
they just needed to be informed by God what to do with it...*

Biblical Example

Woman who had a little oil ~ "Go Borrow Vessels"

Woman with a little meal and oil ~ "Make Me A Cake First"

Rich Young Ruler Had Great Wealth ~ "Go Sell What You Have And Give To Poor"

Gideon Had Mighty Army ~ "Narrow It Down To 300"

*God Will Personalize Your Instructions ~
Quit Copying Off Someone Else...When He Is Testing You!!!!*

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DO IT.....
John 2:6-8 (NIV)

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water";
so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out
and take it to the master of the banquet." *They did so,*

*Instructions May Not Seem Spiritual...
But It Demonstrates Obedience*

You Have to Be Patient in the Process When There Seems to Be No Progress

*There will be some seasons when you are asking God for wine...
but he has you handling water... When it looks like there is nothing happening,
be careful that you don't misunderstand the process...*

KNOW THAT GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING

Dedication is faithfulness when it looks like its not working...

Dedication is staying faithful when I want wine but all I have is water

YOUR BREAKTHROUGH IS CONNECTED TO YOUR DEDICATION...

I Don't Understand.... But I am still going to DO what God told me to do

Until I SEE what God wants me to see...

Until I HAVE what God wants me to have...

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IMPACT OF OBEDIENCE.....

God Get's Glory

John 2:11 (NLT)

*11 This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time **JESUS REVEALED HIS GLORY...***

Strengthens The Belief Of Others

John 2:11 (NLT)

*11 This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. **And his disciples believed in him.***

Others Get The Blessings From Our Obedience

John 2:9-10 (NLT)

*9 **When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine,** not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. 10 "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine.*

But you have kept the best until now!"

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IMPACT OF OBEDIENCE.....

What Do I Get Out Of This.....

But the next morning they were still lowly servants.

Except that, something had changed:

John 2:9 (NIV)

9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from,

THOUGH THE SERVANTS WHO HAD DRAWN THE WATER KNEW.

The Reason I Don't Lose My Mind When I Am In A Season Of Insufficiency

The Reason I Don't Give Up When I Am Down To My Last

The Reason I Don't Throw In The Towel In Difficult Times...

I KNOW SOMETHING....

I KNOW THAT IF I TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD

I WILL SEE RESULTS

In Conclusion

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