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Welcome to Gods Promise, I'm Dr. Kiley and I'm here to help you apply God's promise to your life.

This week we are looking at the Promise that God Has Spoken. Yesterday we looked at the impact of the promise when it is received and applied to our life. Today we are closing the week with the Implication to further apply the promise to your life this weekend.

When a voice of authority is heard but not obeyed, serious consequences can result. Nations have fallen and individuals have failed as a result of not carrying out instructions. This happened to the Israelites even though they heard from the voice of God Himself what they were to do. The event at Mt. Sinai was a watershed moment for Israel ... as you will see from Exodus 20:1-17, which says, *"And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."*

What do you do when the Captain Speaks? It might occur at the height of tension in a warfare movie. A decision must be made upon which the fate of the Western world may hang. After decrypting the encoded messages, analyzing the navigational charts, and breathing a prayer, the commander makes his decision. and utters the phrase that brings everyone to attention, "Man Your Battle stations!"

At this point, what would happen if all the soldiers went back to shining their shoes, listening to music on their headphones, finishing their card games, and completing their maintenance tasks? In that particular movie, the Western world would have lost, obviously.

The scenario illustrates a biblical point: **hearing the voice of authority implies action on the hearer's part.** God spoke to the nation of Israel and to the church in the same authoritative way. From a top Mount Sinai, Moses says, *"God spoke ... "* And what God said after that in Exodus 20 was the equivalent of "Man Your Battle Stations!" He gave the nation of Israel a basic set of laws to ensure their purity and their success as they entered into spiritual and military conflict with the nations that would oppose their spiritual heritage. Did God mean what He said? Yes. But Israel failed to keep these laws over the years and suffered serious consequences. The church has done the same, as do we as individuals. We hear the voice, but we don't always hear the message. We receive the instructions but fail to understand the implications. We must always obey God's voice. The future of our personal world and lives depends on it.

God's Promise: He will never instruct you to do anything that He doesn't expect you to obey.

