



The Power of Yes

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1. There are different kinds of yes(s)

-What do you love to say yes to?

- Would you like a cup of coffee while you wait?*
- Would you like whip cream on top?*
- Would you like to watch another episode?*
- Would you like an appetizer for the table?*
- Would you like use your 5 cents off per gallon?*
- Would you like be friends (on FB)?*
- Would you like fries with that?*
- Would you like to upgrade to first class?*
- Would you like us to watch your kids for tonight?*
- Would you like to take a vacation?*
- Would you like to stay in tonight?*

-Some things are just easy to say yes to. What about these?

- Could you take out the trash before I get home?*
- Could you have that on my desk before the end of the day?*
- Could you stop using that tone with me?*
- Could you move your family to work at our location out of state?*
- Could you usher today since we had someone call out?*
- Could you forgive me?*

-The difference is the cost.

2. The most important yes(s) have a cost

“And He said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” -Luke 9:23 (ESV)

- Moses: He said yes to going back to the land he ran from.
- Joshua: He said yes to marching around the walls of Jericho.
- Widow w/ Elijah: She said yes to gathering jars.

- Mary: She said yes to giving birth to our Savior.
 “And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.”-Luke 1:38 (ESV)
- Jesus’s Disciples: Said yes to bringing five loaves and two fish.
- God chooses to use us. He doesn’t have to, but He does.
 “Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.” -Romans 6:12-13 (NLT)
- Don’t leave your sinful nature in control to say yes to whatever.
- Instead, choose new life! Our yes is for His glory.
- What about this question; will you marry me?
 -I couldn’t stop crying on my wedding day. Sarah handled it way better.
 -Similarly to marriage, God says yes right back to us for His glory.
- God chooses to use us. He doesn’t have to, but He does.
- Our yes has a cost.
- Our yes is for God’s glory.

3. God answers our yes

- “Say a quiet yes to God and He’ll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field.” -James 4:8 (MSG)
- Moses: God brought plagues to Egypt and deliverance for the Israelites.
- Joshua: God brought the walls of Jericho to the ground!
- Widow w/ Elijah: God filled up every jar she brought.
- Mary: Through her, Jesus was born and lived among us.
- Twelve Disciples: Jesus multiplied their food and fed thousands!
- Again, God chooses to use us. He doesn’t have to, but He does.
 “For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”
 -2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (ESV)
- When we say yes, God is faithful to fill us with Holy Spirit and say yes with us.
- God chooses to use us. He doesn’t have to, but He does.
- Our yes has a cost.
- Our yes is for God’s glory.
- When we say yes, God responds with yes to us.

4. My yes

- When I first said yes to Jesus as a drunk 16-year-old kid, I knew the cost.
 -I grew up in church and saw the power of Christ first hand.
 -My yes meant I lost friends, status, lifestyle, etc.
- I kept saying yes to Him and He kept leading me.
 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” -Psalm 32:8 (NIV)
- College, Chi Alpha, Muslim students, visiting mosques, leading a small group, short-term global work, reading books that challenge me, Sarah, meeting with global workers, and a lifetime of global work.
- Moving overseas was 1,000 small yeses, not one big one.

