

Energized for Mission - Let It Be

Proverbs 3:1-8; Acts 1:15-26; Luke 1:35-38

The Beatles _____ this song has nothing to do with God. Paul's mom was named Mary and appeared to him in a dream. But it's no coincidence this sounds just like Luke 1! God can use anything to remind us of the _____.

"Let it be..." doesn't appear in this section of Acts, but the _____ certainly does. The only way you can let a literal roll of the dice decide your future is if you can say what Mary says in Luke 1, "Let it be..."

So far in Acts, Jesus has told the disciples to _____ for the Holy Spirit, who will make them his _____. Jesus has ascended. They have devoted themselves to prayer. They have now _____ from God ("Let another take his place...") and are taking _____. This teaches us a lot:

God speaks to us most clearly through his _____ and will never say anything _____ to his Word.

God's response _____ us leads to a response _____ us.

In this case they had to "Let it be..." that _____ had chosen his path and that a replacement was needed.

It should be noted that Judas' biggest problem was not how he _____, but the fact that he could not "Let [Jesus] be..." and that he _____ the Son of God and Savior of the world. (Mt 26:24; Mk 14:21; Lk 22:22)

The selection of his successor wasn't left entirely to a roll of the dice. They used their _____ to consider what they already knew. Jesus had called them to be _____ sent with _____ of things they had seen and heard. Then they took time to "_____ together" (Isaiah 1:18; Prov 11:14, 15:22) and identified 2 candidates.

But they only needed 1, so they rolled the dice (cast lots) and let _____ decide. (Acts 1:26)

Have you ever left anything completely in God's hands? If so, you know it can be _____. What if God asks you to do something _____? What if it upends your _____? What if you _____?

You also know it often takes a while to get to the point you are _____ to do it. You've usually spent a lot of time trying to _____ and manage a situation or a set of outcomes. It's often after every other door is slammed shut that we finally _____ and tell God, "Let it be..." Experience is the only way to get there _____.

How do you take the first step? You start with _____. When the Father said, "My people are _____." Will you go find them?" Jesus said, "Yes, Lord. Let it be..." When the Father said, "Justice must be served. Will you pay the ___?" Jesus said, "Yes, Lord. Let it be..." When the Father said, "You must

_____ on a cross and be placed in a grave.” Jesus said, “If there is another way, let this cup pass from me. Yet, not my _____ but yours be done.” The Father said, “This is the way. _____ me.” Jesus said, “I trust you. Let it be...”

On the Third Day, after the disciples had cried until they had nothing left, God _____ him from the dead!

That means when the Holy Spirit speaks, “Let it be...” it will always, always, _____ work out for our good! If not immediately, on the Last Day we will _____ at our hardships, _____ at our enemies AND the way we thought it was all over as we soak up the sweet taste of _____ at the Lamb’s never ending feast.

Let’s let God take control. Let’s leave the future, and the mission of Christ, in God’s hands. It’s the ONLY path to the _____ our congregation, our community, our nation and the world needs.