

Encounter Church  
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## Empowered and Unstoppable How You See Things Is How You Do Things

Acts 1:6-11 (MSG)- “When they were together for the last time they asked, “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?” He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.” These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.”

Through his death and resurrection Jesus main work on earth was completed! He stayed around to help the disciples through the transition!

***Jesus ascension put his followers in charge of the practical work of spreading the word about God’s Kingdom!***

***If I’m reading between the lines I’m hearing the angels saying, “**MOVE FORWARD!**”***

***You’ve watched Jesus ascend, he’s returning in the same way, and what’s really important now is what’s happening between his departure and his return!! **GET BUSY! Move forward!*****

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)- “Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**JESUS HAD GIVEN THEM THEIR MARCHING ORDERS!**

When Jesus ascended they just stood there, “Staring into the empty sky.” The angels “why are you just standing here looking at an empty sky?”

***How you see things is how you do things!***

**SO IN MOVING FORWARD.....**

## 1. How Do I see God?

When I say the word God what are your first thoughts. Tell me your first thoughts and I can tell you about your future!

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”— A.W. Tozer

### He is MOST HIGH

High- (el-yon)-elevation, lofty, the Supreme

### He is ALMIGHTY GOD!

Almighty- (el Shaddai) all ruling as absolute and universal, sovereign

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS I THINK GOD WOULD WANT ME TO KNOW ABOUT HIM?

#### a. He is for Me!

Romans 8:31(NLT)- “What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?”

#### b. Nothing can separate Me from His Love!

Romans 8:38,39 (NLT)-“ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

#### c. He will never leave me or forsake me!

Joshua 1:5 (NLT)-“No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.”

#### d. Nothing is impossible with God!

Luke 1:37- (NKJV)-“For with God nothing will be impossible.”

Jeremiah 32:17- (NKJV) “Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for you.”

Do you think Jeremiah was trying to remind God of this? NO! He was saying, “God this is how I see you!”

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## **2. How Do You See You?**

Do you see you the way God sees you?

### **a. I’m forgiven?**

Psalm 103:3 (NLT)- “He forgives all my sins...”

Psalm 103:12- (NLT)- “He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.”

DO YOU SEE YOU AS FORGIVEN?

### **b. I’m blessed**

Ephesians 1:3 (NLT)- “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.”

DO YOU SEE YOU BLESSED?

### **c. I’m victorious?**

1Corinthians 15:57-58 (NLT)- “7But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.”

DO YOU SEE YOU VICTORIOUS?

### **d. I’m a child of God**

Romans 8:15-16 (NLT)- “So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.”

***I am a forgiven, blessed, victorious child of God!***

***My God is for me and nothing can separate me from his love and he will never leave me or forsake me and nothing is impossible with Him!***

***How you see things is how you do things!***

### **3. How Do You See Your Giants?**

How you see your giants is determined by how you see God and how you see You!

If you see God the way we've talked about and you see you the way we've talked about, then you will see your giants as being removed!

If you see your giants as being permanent and never moving out of your way then there's something out of order about the way you see God and the way you see you!

***Your faith has been paralyzed by fear and a wrong perspective!***

CONCLUSION: Have you ever needed a change of perspective? How you see things?

***A man named Peter had a change of perspective! His viewpoint changed!***

Acts 4:8-12 (NLT)- "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people, are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:19-20-(NLT)- "So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard."

THEY WERE EMPOWERED AND UNSTOPPABLE!

***Does your viewpoint need to change today?***