



Simply Act On His (God's) Word
Sunday January 14, 2024

REVIEW OF THE WORD OF THE LORD 20204

Conquer Through Faith

Take your 'Jerichos', subdue adversaries.

Take your 'Jerichos', subdue works of darkness.

BUILD STRONG FAITH

DETERMINE TO CONQUER

VICTORY IS YOURS

THE GOD OF BREAKTHROUGH GOES BEFORE YOU

Last Sunday we learnt that one of the essentials to building strong faith is to: TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD To take God at His Word, there are three things we must be convinced about:

#1, GOD CANNOT LIE.

#2, GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH.

#3, GOD'S WORD WILL BE FULFILLED.

Today we learn about another important element in building strong faith, and that is to SIMPLY ACT ON GOD'S WORD.

This is simply doing what God has instructed us to do.

Sometimes, that things God has instructed us to do may not easy or comfortable.

There may be times when we do not necessarily understand everything about God's instruction.

Sometimes, His instruction may go contrary to reasoning and logic. We will qualify this later in the message.

To act on God's Word is to simply do what God wants us to do.

ACTING ON GOD'S WORD DEMONSTRATES OUR FAITH IN GOD

James 2:17-18,22,26

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.



22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

While we understand the immediate context of James chapter 2, of “good works” we must understand the principle of faith being emphasized here.

Faith without corresponding action is “dead” or unproductive. It cannot produce.

Actions are the expression of faith, and the way faith is revealed.

James also points us to Abraham (vs 22), that as Abraham acted on his faith, then his faith was “made perfect” or brought to maturity, a place where faith could produce.

In order for our faith in God to produce, to be effective, to cause something to happen, our faith must be accompanied by corresponding action.

ACTING ON GOD’S WORD GETS THE ATTENTION OF GOD

Hebrews 11:8

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

We know that Abraham has been designated as the father (pioneer, forerunner, the model) for our faith.

Abraham acted on God’s Word by obeying God. This got the attention of God.

These two verses (Hebrews 11:8, and Hebrews 11:17) reference two points in time when Abraham obeyed God and acted in faith. First, when he was called out of his homeland to a foreign land, that he had no knowledge about. He went out not knowing all the details. This is faith.

Second when he was called to offer up Isaac. He obeyed. Though he did not know how he would have his generations continue, he was confident that God will fulfill His promise.

ACTING ON GOD’S WORD SETS GOD’S POWER IN OPERATION



Hebrews 11:12

Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

What a powerful testimony. From a man as good as dead, came forth a nation innumerable people – because of his obedience to God and his faith in God.

Luke 5:1-7

1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.

3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

When we act on God's Word in faith, even when situations look difficult, God's power goes into operation and cause the miraculous to take place.

ACTION ITEMS

Acting on your blessing – you know God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. So, you go and put your hands to work.

Acting on your healing – you know God has healed you. So try to act in faith on your healing, to the extent you can.

Acting on generosity – you know the Scriptures teach that when we give, we are sowing seed which God will multiply back. So, give in faith, as the Lord lead and enables you.

Acting on forgiveness – we are instructed to love and forgive as God loves and has forgiven us. Sometimes, doing this is not easy. So, you take a step of faith, and out of obedience to God, you forgive someone who has wronged you.



Sometimes, people misapply this exhortation of "Simply Act on His Word" and then end up in trouble. So we share additional guidance to help us do this correctly.

ACT ACCORDING TO YOUR LEVEL OF FAITH

Each of us are growing in our faith and are different levels of faith. Paul teaches us that God has given each of us a measure of faith (Romans 12:3) and we are to exercise our gifts in proportion to the faith we have (Romans 12:6). Don't be pressured into doing something. Don't just copy someone else. Act according to your level of faith – where you are presently at.

ACT WITH WISDOM

Don't be foolish or hasty in acting your faith.

God gave us our heart and our head. God gives us faith and wisdom – use both. 😊

Example:

Don't stop taking medications hastily or because someone pressured you to stop.

Don't quit your job hastily. Follow God and godly counsel.

ACT ON GOD'S WORD CONSISTENTLY

Acting on God's Word is not a one-time event. It is a lifestyle. Live daily in obedience to the Word. A consistent life of acting on the Word, and obedience to God is powerful.

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GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

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Minister as the Spirit leads



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There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: James 2:17-18,22,26; Hebrews 11:8,12,17; Luke 5:1-7

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1Q1, Discuss how faith in God and acting in obedience to God's Word are interconnected. Consider the importance of action to faith.

Q2, Discuss Abraham's walk of faith - the instances we considered, when Abraham acted in faith. Reflect on how he must have felt as he acted in obedience to God. Consider the outcome of his acting in faith.



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Q3, Are there areas in your life you need to act in faith - in simple obedience to God? Reflect on what ways you can act your faith.

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

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SERMON OUTLINE

Faith without corresponding actions is "dead", lifeless and unproductive. This sermon reminds us about the importance of acting on God's Word. Acting on God's Word demonstrates our faith in God. Acting on God's Word gets the attention of God. Acting on God's Word sets God's power in operation in our life situations. However, as we act on God's Word, we must act according to our level of faith. Act with wisdom, and act on God's Word consistently.

KEYWORDS

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