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Do It!

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Years ago, I was walking back and forth at a corporate prayer meeting, and every time I passed a certain gentlemen, my heart would say, "Do it." I was sure the Lord was speaking to him, so finally I said to him as I passed by, "Do it. Do it."

He hesitated a minute, then he responded, "I will. I will." He seemed to know exactly what I was talking about.

One of the most important lessons we can learn as Christians is to be a doer of God's Word. In the book of James we read, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only."¹ This same verse also says that those who hear God's Word without taking action are deceived. When we fail to respond to God's instructions, we cannot enjoy the fullness of His blessings. **Victory is for doers!**

This marvelous passage of Scripture in James not only declares that we must be doers of the WORD, but in James 1:25, it also states we must be doers of the WORK. What an important revelation! Each of us must be students of God's Word and instruments of His Work. We must hear what God has spoken and yield ourselves to His plan. We must hear from heaven and obey.

What wonderful examples of this truth we find in the Scripture. Noah built a boat in the desert at the command of the Lord. Abraham took

I Am Me

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I want to believe in something greater
--but according to society, I can't.

I want to trust in someone stronger
--but I'm told that doesn't exist. God is a myth.

I want to wake up knowing the Creator of the world made me exactly how He wanted
--but, no, it isn't. Could be ... Maybe ... I can change myself at whim.

I'm taught tolerance
--when that same tolerance goes against the very thing generations of my family believed.

The words spoken from my mother and father, two sets of grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins. They taught me the power of worship, prayer on bended knee. That He always hears, always answers, always loves.

And I know it's true because I have felt His hand reach down and touch mine. **When I was at the bottom, He lifted me.** When I was confused about who I'd become, He taught me. When I felt my daughter's life kicking in me, I had no doubt ... no doubt at all ... of who He is.

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Isaac to Mount Moriah, ready to offer him as a sacrifice because God had spoken. Rahab obeyed the instructions of the spies and bound a scarlet cord in the window of her home, saving her family. Moses stretched his rod over the Red Sea, causing the sea to recede and become dry land, just as God had said. Gideon obeyed the angel of the Lord and saved Israel from the Midianites. Salvation, deliverance, and freedom came to each of these because they obeyed God.²



FEAR

One of the biggest hurdles we face after we understand God's directive is fear. Fear drives us until we are emotionally overwhelmed and frozen in inactivity. We tremble like a military commander, facing the enemy without necessary support. Yet, all the time, THE LORD IS OUR HELPER! **If we trust Him, He will orchestrate His will in our lives.** He is more than enough!

I understand this fear because many years ago I was prompted by people I trusted and by my own heart to do radio broadcasts. I knew I couldn't do it! I didn't have the skill, the finances, or the necessary equipment, so I absolutely refused! Yet, over time, the Lord continued to deal with me until I consented. What a growing experience! But truly, the Lord was with us, and He met every need. He is

so faithful!

As we read the Scripture, we note that no God-assigned task is without obstacles! Paul constantly faced persecution as he declared the mystery of the gospel. Noah's message of righteousness was refused as he prepared for the flood. Moses was continually challenged by Israel's disobedience. Daniel was thrown into the lion's den because he prayed. Peter was arrested and imprisoned in order to please the Jews. David fled from King Saul who sought to kill him.³

But, here is the good news. The angel of the Lord released Peter from prison. The lions did not devour Daniel. Noah and his family were saved from the flood. Israel was granted mercy because Moses stood before God on her behalf. And, of course, Paul impacted our lives by yielding to the Holy Spirit and writing most of the New Testament record.

Years ago, the Lord directed me to teach His Word. Although I have not been challenged by lions or imprisoned, I have been overcome by fear and reluctance. Yet, early one morning, just before sunrise, I heard words that continue to encourage me. I cling to God's message and am comforted when I remember that "God is with us! God is for us! God is in us! God comes upon us! God works through us!" We have only to trust and obey!

¹Jas 1:22 ²Ge 6:22;Ge 22:2-3;Jos 6:17,25;Ex 14:16;Jdg 7:15 ³Act 13:50;2Pe 3:5;Num14:22;Rm 10:21;Dan 6:16;Act 12:5;1Sa 19:12

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Still, they want to change me. They want me to become something I've never been. I must readjust, rethink, reform to their new rules.

But I submit that their words are opposite of His. That not everything goes, and some things are wrong. That there IS a line in the sand. That the Truth is immoveable, unshakeable, unperturbed. That God is more powerful than the men He created. That He saw all this from the very beginning and knew ...

He KNEW ... Exactly how it'd end.

That what I believe - in life, in hope, in forgiveness, in faith - isn't worth my compromise, and who I am today, who I need to be tomorrow, regardless of what anyone else has to say, more important than public opinion.

Because I am me.

And I am His.

And I won't change that.