



## THE RIGHT WORD

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The Lord is so good. He is absolutely amazing. When we bow our heart to Him, He plants the fullness of His plan in our spirits, and we go forth with knowledge and information that only He can provide. What a wonderful Father! I love it when He speaks so clearly.

Early Saturday morning, I heard the voice of God. It was only a momentary whisper, but what joy it brings me. I have been teaching the Word of God for many years and had planned to repeat a lesson using a familiar outline. But quickly and quietly, God gave me another outline. I instantly wrote it on the tablet I keep by my bedside and so look forward to speaking truth HIS WAY.

God's way is always best. We can adjust His plan to make it fit our schedule. We can proceed half-heartedly, dragging our feet, but in the end, faithful submission to God's plan works best.

Several years ago, I felt to take a neighbor an apple pie. I have a very special recipe, but I really didn't want to bake it. I hesitated! Finally, when my conscience spoke loud and clear, I baked the pie and delivered it. We didn't know one another well, this neighbor and I, but she was gracious. I noticed on her piano an older picture of three children that I recognized. I called them by name, and she was surprised. But I was their babysitter years ago. Coincidence? No! It was God's plan.

On one of his missionary journeys, the apostle Paul planned to minister in Asia, but God forbid it. He adjusted his schedule so that he could go to

## DON'T COMPROMISE

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Don't compromise. Don't bend. Don't bow down. Don't settle for halfway. Don't give doubt one inch of room in your noggin. Having done all to stand, keep standing, unflinching, the wind in your face, the stench of the enemy in your nostrils. Effluvium spattering your cheeks, wind hissing in your ears, keep standing. Teeth gritted. Eyes focused.

Pushed backwards, push forward again. Knees bending, grip your sword, lean on your shield, and pull yourself up taller.

But I can't. But it's too hard. But I'm tired. But this has lasted so long. But where is God? But why must I suffer? But. But. But. Don't settle for but. The second you hear the word, toss it out. God didn't send His Son to die and rise again to rescue all of mankind with any ifs, ands, or buts attached to it. He was certain. Before the Savior's birth, before time, it was a done deal. Finished. Completed. Victorious.

Imitate Christ. Stand tall. Amongst the leers and jeers. Amongst those who don't get it, don't get you. Place the words He's spoken in your mouth, speak the truth, without compromise. Not brash and offensive. But bold. There's a difference. Peter and John healed a man who everybody knew and then got called in front of the Pharisees to receive a warning. Don't do that ever again, they were told. Yeah right. They left, their spines unbent, and prayed a prayer that's gone down in the annals of time.

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Bithynia, but again, God said no. Then, in a vision, God pointed him toward Macedonia. Here, he ministered to a group of ladies and set a demonized woman free. What a magnificent moment for them all! What would have happened to this woman with the spirit of divination if the apostle Paul had proceeded to Asia as he'd planned?<sup>1</sup>

In Galatians 2:1-2, Barnabas, Titus, and the apostle Paul went to Jerusalem. The Scripture records that the apostle Paul went by revelation to communicate the gospel he had been preaching. He was unknown to the churches in Judea, but after this conference he was extended the right hand of fellowship.

These examples bring me to an important question, a question we should ponder carefully. How would you like to be at the right place at the

right time? Or how would you like to be at the right place, at the right time, with the right word from the Lord? Certainly, that is the place I want to be! But is it possible? YES! Is it necessary? YES!

Ephesians 5:17 counsels us to "*be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*" Colossians 1:9 prays that we might be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and understanding. The prayer of Ephesians 1 asks for the spirit of wisdom, revelation knowledge and enlightened understanding.

The question now is, "If I pray, will God answer?" YES, He will! James 1: 5 says if we ask for wisdom, God will give it liberally. Liberally! Can there be any greater blessing for us than a generous supply of heaven's wisdom?

Let's yield to the wisdom of the Lord! The path of success is as close as communication and obedience.

<sup>1</sup>Act 16:7-18 <sup>2</sup>Acts 4:29-30 <sup>3</sup>Eph 6:13 Weymouth, TLB



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Grant with all boldness we may speak thy name, by stretching forth thy hands to heal.<sup>2</sup>

Speak it anyway. This applies to the church, to our stand in morality, for the lives of the unborn, to godliness in politics and government. But this applies to us individually. We see it in the larger frame, but now, see it as personal. Grant with all boldness I may stand here, tasting victory that I don't have quite yet. Give me the grit to be unmoved by how I feel or the size of the circumstances. Even if the battle is just your half-acre of lawn, even if it's just in your kitchen, twenty-five square feet of cabinets and tile. Even if it's only your small family, or just little old you. Be bold. Be certain.

I've had to endure mental weakness and physical pain, and I had to go and do and live my life and ignore the noise in my head. I went anyway, knowing that God backed me up. That the Holy Spirit who could part an entire Sea and create dry land in order to march one million some odd people across it, was in me and upon me. That that same Spirit raised a man from the dead, who'd been in the grave for four days, until His body had

begun to stink. Know that that Spirit resurrected him from the dead and, next day, there sits that man eating a meal at the table.

Do you really know who your God is? How big, how strong, how great? When you do, there will be no more compromise. You'll never sit down, except at His feet. You'll never let go, except to place the burden in His hands. You'll never look back, except to see the victories. Are you kidding me? Why lose what's already been bought and paid for?

Stop looking at the battle, stop looking at the enemy, stop looking at the mess you've made, and look at the strength of the arm of the Lord. Look at the size of the armor you've been given, every piece made to look like the One who defeated death and, with a crown on His head, seated Himself at the Father's right hand. Look at the blood He shed, which ever lives for you. Listen to the voice of the Father, speaking to your heart, and know that He has a glorious eternity before you, filled with His abundant, everlasting life.

See the goal. See the reward and rejoice. Stand tall, uncompromising, right there, amidst what may look like the end, and celebrate. Raise your voice, one arm pumped toward heaven, and at the top of your lungs, praise the Lord.<sup>3</sup>