

Emboldened to Serve
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Jeremiah 18:1-6 and Isaiah 64:8

1) God is always at work around you.¹

I want to see God opportunities. Asking God for opportunities vs. seeing opportunities

Selfish vs selfless

Ask God to give us His eyes, his sight so we can see with a right heart.

2) God pursues an ongoing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. **John 6:44**

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit. **1 Peter 3:18**

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9**

Remember the history of Israel?

3) God invites you to become involved with what He is doing.

We have one of two responses, to obey or disobey.

After my relationship with the Lord, I must invest in my wife, my kids, my parents, my siblings, my coworkers, and my Church.

It is a privilege to be used by God and make an investment in the lives of others.

“It’s not about me.”

4) God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.

Fasting.

It is God’s Will for me to be connected via:

Bible (devotions, right now media), prayer, accountability and God’s Church.

We often get what we put in.

¹ General outline from “Experiencing God,” Henry Blackaby

5) God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

Will we serve Him (and others) or not?

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Look at just some of those in the Bible that were lead to a crisis of belief and they obeyed:

- Noah
- David
- Paul
- Abraham

We are emboldened to serve, given God's instructions and power, but will we?

6) You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.

No status quo.

Insanity – Doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results.

In order to serve God as He desires and out of obedience, I may need to change or make adjustments to:

- my schedule
- my time
- my job
- my family

7) You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.

God has empowered us to serve. Are we in a position to hear from Him and obey? What is holding you back?

Prayer Focus:

- Obey, what is your next step?
- Fast
- See through Godly "glasses"