

WHEN GOD SPEAKS, WHAT THEN?

Hebrews 11:6

Introduction: Have you ever been asked to do something you just could not possibly do? What did you do? Whenever God speaks, it is always too big for us to do by ourselves. What do we do? The Bible is full of examples of people doing things God wanted done that they could in no way do by themselves, what happened?

I. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT IS DECISION TIME

1. Joshua got the walls of Jericho down, God's way.
2. Gideon had his army of 32,000 reduced to 300 and then defeated an enormous enemy, God's way.
3. Peter was told to go pay their taxes, God's way, money out of the mouth of a fish.

II. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, FAITH IS REQUIRED (NOT SIGHT)

1. Faith is confidence, assurance, persuasion.
2. Faith is based on God's power and not ours.
3. Through Moses God parted the Red Sea, Israel crossed the sea on dry land, water was gotten out of a rock.
4. Through Joshua God flooded the Jordan river, Israel crossed the flooded river on a dry river bed, the sun stood still during battle so Israel could win the battle.

III. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, WHAT ONE DOES REVEALS ONE'S BELIEF

1. David slew a Philistine giant with a sling shot and a rock. He believed God.
2. Sara believed she was too old to have a child so she took matters into her own hands and had a son through her handmaid, Hagar with Abraham as the father. She didn't believe God.
3. A young pastor and wife while in seminary were called by God to be foreign missionaries but didn't want to leave their families. They refused to obey God.
4. The Centurion at the foot of Jesus' cross proclaimed that Jesus was truly who He said He was; the disciples were caught up in a storm while on the lake and were fearful; a woman in a crowd knew that if she could just touch the hem of Jesus' garment she would be healed. What these people did in distress revealed their belief in Jesus/God.

CONCLUSION: TRUE FAITH REQUIRES POSITIVE ACTION (*James 2:20, 26*)

1. Regardless of what a person says, what he/she does or does not do reveals what that person really believes about God.
2. What a person believes about God will determine what he/she does and how he//she lives.
3. When we live as a people of faith (Christians) it will make a difference in how others around us respond to the Gospel for they compare our lives with the Gospel.
4. Do YOU want to reach people with the Gospel?
 - Do you want to bring back those fallen Christians?
 - Do you want to grow spiritually?
5. Let us become the People of Faith that we are supposed to be. When God speaks, let us respond in faith and obedience.