"DON'T WAIT, TAKE THE NEXT STEP!"

What is God asking you to do that you keep putting off?

What decision have you been avoiding?

What step of faith have you been postponing?

What has God been dealing with your heart about, but you keep telling Him, "Lord, I'll do it later"?

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Do you understand that obedience is not just about doing what God says. It is about responding when God calls!

1. **DELAYED OBEDIENCE CAN BECOME DISOBEDIENCE**

Have you ever chosen your own timing over His direction by postponing when God has asked you to do something?

Hebrews 3:15 To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Every time we resist the conviction of the Holy Spirit, we risk becoming a little less sensitive to His voice.

Do you ever treat God's instructions as suggestions that we can fit into our schedules whenever we choose?

2. GOD OFTEN REQUIRES THE STEP BEFORE HE REVEALS THE MIRACLE

Joshua 3:13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD … shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off.

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

What do you notice about the order of when the water stopped verses when they stepped in?

Do you want God to remove every obstacle before you obey Him?

Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Do you follow that order? Do you TRUST, then ACKNOWLEDGE then ALLOW HIM TO DIRECT YOUR PATHS?

3. **YOUR NEXT STEP MAY SEEM SMALL, BUT IT MATTERS**

Do you think that the steps of obedience you take are always going to be dramatic?

Do you realize small steps of obedience can lead to significant spiritual transformation?

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

4. **YOU ARE NOT PROMISED ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY**

James 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

If you know God wants you to take that step, what are you gaining by waiting?

What are you protecting?

What are you accomplishing?

What is your hesitation producing?

There is a difference between waiting on God and refusing to obey God.

Waiting on God is faith when He has told you to wait.

Delaying obedience is not faith when He has told you to move.

2 Corinthians 6:2 Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

5. **YOUR OBEDIENCE CAN IMPACT MORE THAN JUST YOU**

The next step God is asking you to take may not be just about you.

It may affect your family.

- **Your children.**
- **Your marriage.**
- **Your church.**

- **Your community.**

Who do you affect in your day to day life?

Think about the priests standing at the Jordan River.

Their obedience didn't just affect them.

When they stepped into the water, the entire nation of Israel was able to cross over on dry ground.

Their obedience became part of God's provision for others.

Do you lead your family spiritually?

Do you commit yourself to prayer, benefiting your family?

Do you share the Gospel, giving others opportunity to hear about salvation?

Do you forgive others, so relationships can heal?

Your next step of obedience may become somebody else's opportunity to experience the goodness of God!

Are you content with simply knowing the Word of God?

Are you ready to stop talking about faith and start exercising faith?

Are you ready to stop making excuses and start making commitments?

Are you ready to get serious about following Jesus?

TODAY IS THE DAY

What is your next step?

What is God asking YOU to do?

Do you think you could be spiritually stuck because you refuse to act on what God has already shown you?

Has your faith become actions?

Have you wasted opportunities?

Is fear making decisions for you?

Is comfort keeping you standing still?

What is God calling you to do?

Are you ready to DO IT?

What stood out to you the most in this weeks lesson?