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ASK THE LORD WHAT HE WANTS

Many times people try to tell the Lord what to do and how to do it. But we know differently. The Lord has taught us that we ask Him, "What do you want, and how do you want to do it?"

The leaders of Israel would come to Jesus looking for a sign, and He never gave them a sign. One time He said He would give them the sign of Jonah — three days and three nights in the belly of the fish. He was talking about the fact that He would be three days and three nights in the grave.

Actually, He went down and preached the gospel to the saints who had died before His coming and revealed Himself to them. How amazing that was! However, He never gave the leaders a sign. He did only what the Father gave Him to say and only what the Father gave Him to do.

The Lord is tired of people telling Him what to do and how to do it, leaning to their own understanding and not trusting Him. He wants people to let Him direct the path. To do that, people have to acknowledge that He exists, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

(Hebrews 11:6) People get results or do not get results when they are in relationship with the Lord. Understand, He is the King: The King of kings and Lord of lords. He rules and He reigns, and the power, dominion, and honor is His. All the glory is His. The world does not revolve around us, it revolves around Him.

There is a thief who wants to steal, kill, and destroy, but the Lord wants to give life and give it abundantly. People need to decide who they are going to listen to and who they are going to follow. One way will be for life, one will be for death. One for blessing, one for cursing. The Lord Jesus is for blessing and life, and the devil for cursing and death. Do not get it confused.

ONLY AS THE LORD DIRECTS

Freedom comes at a cost, and the cost is our Lord Jesus giving His life for us. However, He did not just go out and give His life. He did it in obedience to the Father. This was the will of the Father. Jesus was following instructions regarding what the Father wanted, and how He wanted to do it.

The Lord has given us authority over serpents, scorpions, and all the power of the devil. Nothing shall by any means harm us. But understand, it is as the Lord directs. As the Lord directs. I do not determine the timing, nor do I determine what the Lord will do because the king speaks when the king wants to speak and the king does something when he wants to do something. Nobody has any business approaching the king unless he says, "Approach me."

Many do not understand this nowadays. They think they can do whatever they want to do whenever they want to do it. They can say whatever they want to say. They can kill somebody and it is okay. They can slander and it is okay. There is an expression in the world, "When the fat lady sings." Well, when the King speaks that is when things are going to happen.

People think just because they are sick that they need to get healed. Just because something is happening in their life they need to *do* something. Well, the Lord does not have to heal anybody. He does not have to save anybody. He did not even have to come for us in Jesus. He could have chalked us all off and said, "Adios." But He did not do that because of who He is (His heart of love and mercy).

We approach the Lord in different ways. (I am talking about church people, not unbelievers.) Unbelievers do not care about the Lord, and they are under the wrath of God until they receive His love in Jesus and change. Jesus is coming. People need to be aware of that and get ready.

Noah preached righteousness for 40 years. He told the people there would be a judgment coming. He told them to repent, turn from their ways, and turn to the Lord, but nobody listened to him. The same thing is happening today. I see Christians throwing little temper tantrums because they are not getting their way. When you become born again, you are like a baby, but you need to grow up in the faith. You need to learn the promises of

God. (2nd Peter 1) The Lord wants us to inherit and participate in His divine nature and act like He does, but He is still the Lord, and we are under Him. We are under orders. He says, “*Obedience is better than sacrifice.*” We have to know what He wants us to obey.

JESUS UNDER ORDERS TO THE FATHER

When certain Jewish leaders approached Jesus one day, He was just sitting there. They were accusing a woman of committing adultery, but Jesus did not even look up at them while they were talking to Him. Many would think Jesus was probably the rudest, unsympathetic person that ever walked the earth. He did not respond the way they wanted Him to respond. Why not? He was not under orders to them. He was under orders to His Father in heaven. Unless the Father gave Him what to say or to do, He was not going to do it, nor was He yielding to the pressure of people to do what they wanted Him to do.

His mother wanted Him to do something about the wine situation at the wedding, and He said, “It is not My time.” In other words, I do not have anything to do with this. Why not? The Father had not yet given Him what to say or to do.

Back to the woman caught in adultery. Jesus was sitting there with other people, and they were waiting for a response. What should be done with this woman? They were trying to trap Him, trying to get Him to disagree with the law and the prophets (which He never did because who is behind the law and the prophets? The Lord Almighty, His Daddy, as Jesus walked the earth). Being Lord of lords and King of kings He humbled Himself and became a Son, the Only begotten of the Father. He was full of grace and truth, but He never did anything on His own. We cannot do anything on our own and expect the Lord’s results.

WAITING ON THE SPIRIT

If you have tried to do things on your own, you were leaning to your own understanding. You will never get the Lord’s results doing that. Proverbs 3:5, “*Trust the Lord.*” What does that mean? That means that we need to wait on Him and do things the way He wants it. He is going to work

something because He loves and cares more than anybody ever could. He loves and cares, and that is why I love Him and serve Him. I know my Daddy. “Abba, Father,” Jesus said. Dear Daddy. He knew His Father, and He knew how He does things. He waited to hear what the Spirit of the Lord was directing Him to do, if anything. Sometimes the Lord gives time and space to see what we will do - whether we will acknowledge Him and trust Him or not.

What are we going to do? Are we going to trust that He has it all under control, and we are in His hand? Or are we going to panic, running here and there to do something. *“Except the Lord build the house they that labor labor in vain. They get up early, they stay up late.”* They try to make something happen and nothing good of God is going to happen. All we do is get ourselves and everybody else around us upset.

WHO SHALL CAST THE FIRST STONE?

And so, as Jesus drew something on the ground, He was still not looking up at the accusers, He was not acknowledging them. What was He doing? He was waiting for the Father to tell Him what to do, to show Him what He wanted. Jesus’ response to the crowd was really “off the wall” as far as what their question was. Interestingly, He rarely ever answered the leaders’ questions because their questions were not the issue. What was the real issue? *“Let him who is without sin cast the first stone”* at this woman. In other words, if you are without sin in your life, then you can throw the rock. He did not deny the law and the prophets. He was saying, “Who amongst you is able to judge and to exercise the law and the prophets here?”

That is why I seek not to judge anybody. Jesus says to judge not lest you be judged. The measure you judge out will come back on you... and worse. There is only one Lawgiver and that is the Father in heaven. Get the log out of your own eye so you can see clearly to get the splinter out of somebody else’s. Really, that little splinter is part of your log. The reason you see it so well in somebody else’s eye is because you are loaded with it.

To continue, it says there was a hush over the crowd. Understand, this was probably a rambunctious group, and some of the younger ones may

have been at their first stoning. They were excited about going out and judging this girl and taking her life because she was a transgressor. She was a violator. She was a sinner, and they were going to kill her.

Remember what Jesus said, *“I have not come to condemn the world, I have come to save the world.”* He got that from His Father in heaven. He said if somebody is condemned or judged under the wrath of God, it is because they have not received the love and forgiveness of God (the mercy of God). It is not the Father’s will that anybody perish, but that everybody gets saved and has all the blessings of heaven.

MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT

“Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.”

There was a moment of silence, and the crowd dropped their rocks one by one, and they walked away, beginning with the eldest (the ones who had more understanding and were not necessarily excited about the judgment). I do not believe anybody really rejoices in judgment. In fact, *“mercy triumphs over judgment.”* (James 2:13) The point was that they were not to judge, and they were not to carry the stoning out. And so they dropped the rocks.

If you came to the point of righteousness where you *could* throw the rock, you would not. The love of God would so permeate your heart with mercy. Understand, a man throws the rock at himself by his actions. He condemns himself by his actions. He curses himself by his actions. The Lord does not do it. Nobody has the right to do it, but their own actions will allow the curse and the thief to steal, to kill, and to destroy. God is not mocked. Whatever people sow is what they will reap. For better or for worse, for blessing or for cursing.

WE SUBMIT OURSELVES TO JESUS

We are responsible for our lives, and our actions. At any point we can go to the Lord and say, “Father, forgive me.” In fact, Jesus on the cross, *“Father, forgive them, they don’t know what they are doing.”* He asked life, but people have to receive that life. He enabled it to be available, but you

have to accept and receive that life in Jesus, and welcome Jesus into your heart.

When Jesus Christ is our Lord, we are obedient to Him and Him alone, along with the authorities He put in our lives — to guide us into all His goodness, and to protect and care for us in Jesus' name. We submit ourselves to Him.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

God's authorities will enforce God's Word and present His Word to enable us to come into all the good Father has. In each given situation the Lord has a moral code given out of His love and heart called the Ten Commandments. The first four commandments deal with how to love the Lord, the second six deal with how to love your neighbor as yourself. These commandments supersede everything else. Interestingly, when our country was originally set up, the moral code of the Lord was the model used to write documents like the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. What people have been trying to do is get rid of the commandments of God because they do not want to be under the Lord's rule.

IF YOU LOVE ME...

If you want the Lord's love and results in your life, do what Jesus said, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."* You will do what He set down. We are of the Lord no matter what the people in the world do. That is their call, they can do anything they want, but the Lord determines what is blessed, what is cursed, what is life, what is death. He says, *"Choose life. Choose Me and I shall give you life."* If you want God's results in your life, you have to learn Proverbs 3:5-6, *"Trust the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding..."* (do not try to figure out whatever the circumstance of life is): *"In all your ways acknowledge Him..."* (Lord, what do you want and how do you want to do it?) *"...and He will direct the steps."* He will determine the results. This is God's wisdom. If any of us lack it, let us ask the Lord (James, chapter 1), and He will freely give it because He wants us to understand.

WHERE ARE YOUR ACCUSERS?

Back to the woman caught in adultery. The last men to drop their rocks were the youngest. They probably did not have a clue what they were doing, but all the older ones did it, so they followed in kind. I am sure they had many questions about it when they went home. But that was not Jesus' concern.

He turned to the woman and asked her, “ *‘Woman (note, He had not looked up yet), where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?’ She answered, ‘No one Lord.’ He said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.’*” In other words, you are free, lady, to do the good, right God-thing now, and do not go back to your old ways.

Who knows, this may very well have been the same woman who later came in while Jesus was at a banquet. The host had not washed Jesus' feet. He did not honor Him, he did not do the usual custom. The custom was to clean off their feet and wash the hands of the honored guests who come into dinner. They did not do any of that to honor Jesus, but this lady came in with perfume worth a year's wages and anointed Him. Her tears washed His feet, and she dried them with her hair. It was a very extravagant demonstration of love and care, but the guests said, “Jesus must not be a prophet because He would know who this lady is.” He knew who the lady was. She was a prostitute, and Jesus set her free. Forgiven, loved, cared for, and free of that lifestyle to have a whole new life.

Under the direction of the Father, Jesus gave the woman a whole new life. “Whatever the Father says, I say. Whatever the Father does, I do. It is the will of the Father.” Jesus did not just go and do things on His own. “*Go and sin no more,*” He said.

And so, the guests were demeaning the woman at the banquet. They were disregarding her. They were demeaning and dishonoring Jesus. I am talking about Judas and some of the other disciples.

GOD'S PLANS WILL PRODUCE RESULTS

Quite frankly, I may have let go of all the disciples, but the Father was the one who directed and chose those twelve guys. What a motley crew they were. However, the Lord turned them into mighty men of God. In the

same way David had his motley crew, and the Lord changed them into mighty men of God. We are being changed and transformed into His image too. That is what forgiveness will do. It will make God's plans happen.

Why? Because somebody obeyed God and did what the Lord directed. That day the woman was under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Under the Father's direction, and she, as Jesus stated, was preparing His body for burial.

If you look at what happened later, they never had time to prepare His body after He died on the cross because a Sabbath was coming. They just put Him into the grave that the Lord had supplied through one of His servants.

The Lord has everything under control in His plans, and He makes things happen. He orders the people, the personnel, the finance, and gives the vision, the plan, and the policies. He orders the whole thing out. If we let Him. He says, *"I know the plans I have for you. Plans for good, not for evil. Plans to prosper, to give hope and a future."* (If you let Me work it.) That is where one has to humble himself under the mighty hand of God and in due season He will exalt (1st Peter 5:6). 1st Peter 5:7 says to cast all your cares on Him.

If people would trust and believe the Lord, and lean not to their own understanding, they would not necessarily say, "I have authority. In Jesus' name, be healed." Where did they learn that? They saw Jesus do it. But take a good look, Jesus did not heal the same way every time, nor did He heal everyone out there. He once told me, "I healed everybody who came to Me for healing, but I did not heal everybody that was sick because they did not come to Me for healing."

He healed in many different ways. Why? He listened to the Father. *Lord, what do you want, and how do you want to do it?* He made mud pies and put them on a guy's eyes. Another time a commander of the army came to Him to heal his servant. Jesus said, "I'll go," but the commander said, "No, I understand authority. All you have to do is speak the word, and he will be healed."

The Father said, "Go for it," and Jesus spoke the Word. The servant was healed the very moment He spoke it, and when the commander went back the servant had been healed. They asked what time the healing had happened. It was right at the time the commander was there with Jesus.

ASK; THEN LISTEN AND DO

This is why some folks get results. Some do not get results because they are not doing it the way the Father is directing. When you pray for people, remember to ask, "Father, what do you want and how do you want to do it?"

Have you ever seen me tell somebody to go to a doctor to check something? When you have fears, you are imagining all kinds of things. If you go to a doctor, but not under the instruction of the Lord, then you are out of the will of God. If the Lord directs you to the doctor, and you do not do what the doctor directs you to do, then you are out of the will of God.

When the pipe came through my windshield hitting the mirror, the mirror rearranged my face. (The mirror had deflected it.) The mirror hit me, and the pipe blew out the driver side window. The first thing I asked the Father was, "Am I out of your will?" This was going on in split seconds. I saw His hand (this meant, *I am okay, I am in His will*). It may not have looked like I was okay because of what was happening, but I was staying with the program. Who is the Lord? The Lord is the Lord. Who is the healer? The Lord, Jehovah Rapha, is the healer. I am under His instruction. I will obey what He directs me to do.

You might say, "Well, He doesn't talk to me like He talks to you, Pastor." Yes He does, but you have got to learn how to listen.

"A hearing ear and an instructed tongue." This is what Jesus had, and what all believers should have. But you have to want it. You have to ask for it, and you have to get out of your own head. The reason there is no power in the church is because people are not obedient to what the Spirit of God wants to do, nor are they even asking Him what to do.

RECEIVING DIRECTION REQUIRES A RESPONSE

What comes to you when you have a headache? Aspirin. Is the Father directing you to take that? Or are you just doing it because it worked a few times before.

If you watch those TV commercials, you will be taking products they advertise. Yes, it will take away your headache, but will it shut down your liver, your kidneys, and give you suicidal thoughts? You will hear voices telling you to do this, do that, but you have got to hear only one Voice. You have to learn how to hear it and listen to it. It is the voice of the Holy Spirit. Then you will know what the Lord says to do.

As the story continues, I was still waiting on the Lord and what He wanted me to do. The EMT's were ready to shove me in an ambulance, but I had not heard what to do. The Lord speaks when He speaks and directs when He directs. I was just waiting patiently, and He said, "Let them set the teeth and I shall cement them."

Now, I did not even know what was wrong with my teeth. I had no trauma, I had no pain. That was a total miracle. I had my full wits about me. But I had not heard direction. You have to hear direction. Never do anything without it.

Have you asked for direction? Did you get direction? Did you have something trying to challenge the direction you got? You had peace about it, but then something tried to take the peace away. You started thinking maybe you made a wrong decision.

What was it trying to do? It is trying to get you to be double-minded. "*A double minded person is unstable in all his ways and cannot expect to receive anything from God.*" You will be receiving things, but it will not be from God because you are leaning to your own understanding. That is what comes in to get you to be divided.

CONSEQUENCES ARE A FORM OF DISCIPLINE

When you are under instruction and direction in the military, and if you are ordered to do something, you do what you are told. You do not have a

choice. You will be dealt with accordingly, and if you do not respond to discipline you will be removed.

Disobedient people are responsible for the consequence of their being disciplined. Do not think it is too severe. If you had not done it, you would not be in a fix. You would not have the problem. Wisdom would say not to do it. If you did it, admit that and accept the discipline that will come. If you are obedient for blessing, you are going to get rewarded. If you are disobedient for cursing, the consequence will be discipline. You choose what you will have.

The Lord says, "Get smart." Choose life, and you will not have punishment in your life. Discipline is training. God loves those He disciplines, and you are not His child if He does not discipline you. But it is not punishment. There is a difference. People do not understand the difference.

When my daughter was little, she came up to mom and said, "Mom, I must be getting really smart." And Mom asked, "Why's that?" She answered, "Because I have not been disciplined in a long time." Alright. I had always told my children, "Why don't you get smart?" If you do what is blessed, you will be blessed. If you do what is cursed, you will be cursed. That is what the Lord told Cain in Genesis, chapter 4. The Lord had told both Cain and Abel what to do and how to do it. (How He wanted it.) Abel did that, and he was blessed. Cain chose to do an alternate sacrifice which meant nothing to the Lord. "*Obedience is better than sacrifice.*" And so, the Lord asked Cain, "Why are you so angry? Why are you so upset? If you do what is right, you will be blessed." Doing what is right is doing what the Lord directs you to do.

PERFECT RESULTS

There are two ways the Lord speaks to us. One way is through His Word, and the other is through His Spirit. They will agree with each other.

We live by the principles and promises of God. The reason Jesus got perfect results, and the reason Peter and Paul got results was because they listened to the Lord about what He wanted and how He wanted to do it.

PROMISES FROM HEAVEN

In a time of famine there were many widows in Zarephath when the man of God, Elijah, was sent there. The Lord sent him to one of those widows, and the Lord blessed her as a result. Now, many times people do not understand and will think, *Didn't God care about the other widows?* Yes, He absolutely cared about all the widows. In fact, Isaiah 54 says, *"I will be the husband to the widows,"* meaning, I will look out for them and take care of them. They do not need anybody else. If they put their trust in Me, I will take care of them."

That is a promise from heaven. If you are a widow, the Lord says He is your husband. I tell the women, "You don't need to be looking for a man because you have the Lord as your husband. He will take care of you and look out for you." The Bible says that if a widow does marry, make sure he is a godly man. A godly man has better days than other days. The Lord helps us to step up because if He entrusts us with our wife, we will need all the help we can get. He will help us.

In my first month of marriage I said, "Lord, you are going to have to help me here." I was working 1st Peter, chapter 3. The Lord has helped me, and 45 years later we are still working it to the glory of God.

A SURPRISING RESULT

When you lean to your own understanding, you are in trouble. You say stupid things, you do stupid things, and then you try to get out of the stupid mess that is like a quagmire. The Bible mentions "the miry clay." Most people do not know what it is, but I lived on a property that had the miry clay.

Diana and I were out working in it one day. She was there with her little boots on. We were landscaping our yard. So, she was out there in the yard pushing that shovel down into the miry clay, and her boots got stuck. The next thing I knew, she was lying on the ground in the clay. When miry clay gets wet, it becomes like mush, soupy and gooey. It just sucks you in.

But when miry clay is dry you can break a pick on it. I have broken handles and shovels in it. It is like concrete.

And so, she fell, and as I looked at her, I was doing all I could do to contain myself, and I could not contain myself. Most humor, unfortunately, is based on somebody's problem, and I started to snicker. I turned around because I did not want her to see me, but I stepped on the rake and it smacked me in the face. (Discipline does not take long for me. To whom much has been given much is required. It comes quick and clean, and then it is over. That is the way discipline should be – quick and clean and over. You learn your lesson and go your way.) The rake handle smacked me right between the eyes, and I went down. There we were, doing angel snow in the mud. I grabbed her hand, and we were laughing and rolling around in the mud together. Interesting things happen in life.

Maybe we should have acknowledged the Lord a little more on that project. Now, the Lord can turn things around to good, but His best is not forgiveness, His best is not sinning. His best is not healing. His best is not getting sick. You will often find that the Lord has given principles for life and living so that you do not have to get sick if you follow what He directs.

PRUNED AND SHAPED

Things do not have to break down. There is a saying in the world that when you get older your body is going to break down. You will start to get aches and pains and this and that. Moses was 120 years old and climbed a mountain that young men would have a tough time doing, and his eyes were not dim.

We are pruned by His Word. (John, chapter 15) The Lord is not breaking us. He is pruning us and shaping us. Any gardener knows what I am talking about. You have to prune those trees to get the best fruit to come forth, to shape the tree so it is able to hold the fruit. We are pruned by the Word of God. Disciplined. It is training. It is not punishment.

When the children were little, I came back from a trip, and the first thing they said to me was, "Dad, what'd you do? Fernando killed the trees." They thought he had killed the trees because he had pruned them. I said,

“No, no, no, you watch and just wait. In the Spring when the trees come forth with all kinds of flowers, then the fruit is right behind it.” When Spring came, they were watching and waiting. They thought the trees were killed, but sure enough, there came a flower, and there came the fruit, and it was good.

WILL YOU FOLLOW SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS?

People have to learn to receive instruction, correction, and direction. Humble yourself to receive that. The problem with many is they have authority issues. They cannot follow instructions.

Have you ever put together something that included instructions? Perhaps you ignored the instructions and started putting it together. Did you come out with extra parts and couldn't figure out where they went? As a result, you had to go back and take the item apart and start over. That is an issue. It is an authority issue. Didn't it say on the sheet, “Read these instructions carefully before you begin to assemble?” Did you even bother to read them? Oh, the plot thickens. Why didn't you bother? *Oh, I know how to do that. I can figure it out.* Yeah, I have seen those little toy outfits that even a child can put together. Right. Four hours later, you need an engineer. It would have been simple if you had just done step 1, step 2, step 3. Just follow the instructions, and “Keep It Simple, Saint.”

The Lord is very simple in His instructions, and He has a reason for everything He does and the way He wants to do it. In Israel the man of God, Elisha, was told that a certain fellow would come from Babylon, a great leader of the army. The leader had leprosy. He had been told by a servant girl in his house that there was a man over there in Israel who could help get rid of the leprosy. So he traveled a long way, bringing much wealth. It was announced to Elisha that the great leader was outside, but he did not even go out to meet him.

Does that seem rude to you? Why would he do that, especially when the leader was carrying gold and silver to give to him. In the natural it would appear to be rude and inhospitable, unloving, and uncaring. The guy came all that way. However, who was the man of God following? He was following the Lord's instruction. He sent word out through his servant to the

great leader, telling him, “Go bathe in the Jordan River seven times, and your leprosy will be gone.”

The leader did not listen to that word. He felt disrespected, so he disrespected the word. Pride is an ugly thing. If you need something to happen, you must humble yourself to do whatever it takes to make it happen. There were no cures for leprosy in those days. All the physicians, (and they had good ones) could not do a thing for him. Nobody could do anything except the Lord. The leader didn't know this Lord, and he didn't know who the prophet was. He just saw him as unloving, disrespectful, and unkind in not showing courtesy to a man who had traveled all that way.

Elisha did not operate by what people thought. You have to understand how the man of God operates. He does not really care about what people think. He only cares about being obedient to what the Lord directs. His heart is the heart of love which the Lord has and a heart of compassion the way the Lord has, but he is not run by his intellect or emotions. He is led by the Spirit. *“Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons [and daughters] of the Most High.”*

All that mattered was that the leader get healed. Elisha heard from the Lord what to do and how to do it: “Go bathe in the Jordan River.” The Lord wanted the leader healed. “Go bathe in the Jordan River seven times, and you will be healed.” What a simple instruction. As the Lord gives simple instructions, many people ask, “Why?” Why do it this way? The leader said, “I have clean rivers back home. Why do I need to go bathe in this dirty Jordan River?” (if you have any amazing thoughts about the spirituality of the Jordan River, it is just a dirty old river). The leader had clean rivers back home. Why couldn't he go there and bathe in them? Because that was not the word he was given. The Lord has no plan B. He has plan A. He is a “Plan A” Lord. There are no alternative plans.

EXACTLY!

I have seen the Lord do things like this thousands of times over the years. To get the Lord's results you have to do it exactly the way the Lord says, and He says as much. *“Do not turn to the left, or to the right.”* Do it exactly the way He says. He says to listen closely. Note, the Lord said at the

beginning of this book, “If you are going to get results, you have to do it His way.” He only works His plan. He does not work your plan, my plan, anybody else’s’ plan. You can dump a pile of gold bars here, but He is only going to work His plan. He does not show priority or partiality. He does what He wants in His time in His way. He makes all things beautiful the way He wants them to be. It will be awesome when you have His plan because everything He does is awesome and good. It will be His way, and we have to humble ourselves. *“Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God. Trust the Lord. Do not lean to your own understanding.”* Pride will get in the way of obedience. Lean not to your own understanding.

The servant girl said to the leader, “Master, you have come all this way to get rid of this leprosy. Why don’t you just do what the man says?” This servant stood the chance of “off with your head.” (Americans do not have a clue about respect and honor, and have no understanding of protocol, procedure, and process. You do not act that way.) The servant girl was somebody that cared about the leader, and he received the word from his servant because he had relationship with her.

GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER

Many people go to the Lord, and He asks, “Who are you? I do not know who you are. You come wanting something, and yet I am not your Lord. You have not received My love. You have not put yourself under My mighty hand nor My mighty care and protection. You are outside wanting something.”

You do not have to be outside, you can be inside. Just humble yourself, ask the Lord’s forgiveness, and get the heaven in there. It is just that simple. Do what He says.

And so, the leader went to the river. Note, Elisha did not show up for it. He had done what he was supposed to do. He gave the word. You do not look to the man of God. He always points you to the Lord, but many times the man of God will speak to you when the Lord wants to speak to you. When the Lord wants to do something, then He will do it, but you do not come barging in, so to speak.

Have you had children who barged in on your conversation? How rude. You have to teach children order and respect, that they just do not come in. I am in no way saying that you cannot come to the Lord at any time. But He has an order in how He does things. People come to me and ask, “Do you have a word for me, Pastor?” I will say, “No. But if I do, I will tell you.” God is a God of order, discipline, and truth.

Have you seen God’s results here at church? Absolutely. Why? We are going to do it His way. If you do not like it, go somewhere else and see if you get the same results. It is amazing how people hop around trying to get somebody to agree with them. (You will always find somebody that will agree with you.) That does not mean it will work, and it does not ever work when they do not want the Lord’s will and way.

AN ATTITUDE OF ENTITLEMENT

Gain a sense of permission. All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. Get rid of the entitlement way of thinking that you can just go in anywhere. A little child has a sense of entitlement: *That is my dad. That is my mom. I can just go barging in.* Have you had them barge in during relations? See, they barge in while you are on the phone and they are talking. We have to train up our children. We have to discipline our children. We have to teach them to hear our voices. In regard to the Lord it is not just “Hear,” it is “Obey My voice. Take heed to what I am saying. Do what I am saying. Be sensitive to when I am speaking.” Children need to drop what they are doing and listen. You do not have to yell at people to get their attention. You are out of control when you have to yell. Children turn that off because they do not want to hear it after a while. Speak clearly and let them discern your spirit. I need to learn to discern my Father’s Spirit when He wants me to do something.

If you have ever felt agitated, realize that something is off (not right). Ask the Lord for clarification.

RESULTS FOR A YOUNG MAN, AN ACCOUNT

One time Jesus prayed over a fellow who was blind, and He asked the man what he saw. The man said, “I see people like trees.” Jesus prayed life.

What happened? The first prayer went in, but the second one was going in all the way. Then the man saw clearly.

It is so important, so important, that we get this. I am concerned about results because my Father is concerned about results. He wants to see His plan carried out His way to get His results. I do too. Every one gets happy when the Lord does things and is allowed to do things His way. He will not intrude into your life. If you want to have a messed-up life, just go for it without Him. He will not intrude or make you do anything that you do not want to do. *“Be it done to you according to your faith.”*

There was a young man in his late teens who came to us. The Lord had actually delivered him. He was thrown 40 feet in a motorcycle accident, wearing no helmet. He hit the curb with his head and died on the way to the hospital. The Lord brought him back. At the hospital, the expectation was that he would be a vegetable, but the Lord, over a year’s time, restored him. We have seen amazing head trauma results over the years. They revert back, like to infancy, and then return, all the way to where they are. This process was over a year’s time.

He was in a coma for a long time, but the Lord had him, the faith of God was there, the supernatural gift of faith was there. The Holy Spirit matches your faith and then takes it all the way to “God faith.” He kicks it into steroid-like super God-faith because that is how we see miracles through the gifts of the Spirit. In a year’s time the young man’s mother said that he was better than before the accident. (He worked on computers for a major bank.)

Another time he came to the prayer line with oozing sores, a skin condition. He asked for prayer, and we prayed in the name of Jesus. We prayed, cursed it, told it to dry up in Jesus’ name, and deal with the issues. Many times dealing with the outside is “inside” as well.

About two or three weeks went by. We continue in the spirit with people to get them all the way through whatever is going on. Life is not just for the moment. What you do in the previous moment is going to affect the moment you are in now, and what you do now is going to affect the next moment. That is why I tell people they have to continue in the Word of God

and in the things of the Spirit. You cannot leave the hospital, so to speak, with all the tubes still in you and not fully recovered.

I am not just trying to keep people here. I want to see the full results so they can either stay here or go wherever, but I want them to go home well. Not half-baked.

I went before the Lord again because I saw the young man and he still had the skin condition. (I do not just go by what I see because I know that when I pray I receive what I ask, and I do not doubt that I will have whatsoever things I say.) So, we are not moved by sight [what we see]. I knew, because the Lord was causing agitation in me, that there was something more that needed to be looked at.

If the Lord has something, the Holy Spirit will show you exactly what it is. Self is consumed with self, about your life — your spiritual, mental, physical, financial, and relational conditions. It is “all about me.”

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

The Holy Spirit will show if there is something going on, and that is what He was doing to me because I am a pastor. I care for the people the Lord has entrusted to me, and I know who He has entrusted to me, and who He has not. Many times I would like to take everybody under wing because I know what God does here and how He does it. But I cannot do that because I am only given by the Lord who and what is given.

Jesus says, *“My sheep hear My voice. They know Me, and they follow Me, and they will not follow another.”* Meaning, that is where I belong, and when folks know where they belong, things can happen.

Then I received a word, and I “saw” the young man down on the coast. Since he would visit periodically, I said to him, “I believe the Lord’s given me a word for you.” I do not indiscriminately give these words out. It is only if I have a word. I said, “The Lord told me that you need to go to the beach, get in the sun, get in the salt water, and relax.”

Okay, simple word. Kind of like “Go bathe in the Jordan River seven times and you will be made whole.” He looked at me, and I have seen that look

many times from people, and he said, “Pastor, I am believing God. You and I and the people prayed, and it is done.” And I said, “Okay, That is good, we did that and it is done, but I gave you this word because I believe the Lord wants this word for you.” Addendum. Further instruction and direction.

I hate to say it, but he did not receive what I was saying because he knew that he was “believing God.” You know, I am not going to fault that, because, praise God, when somebody believes. But are you really believing God? That is the issue. I do not intend to undermine anybody with that statement, but it is a good statement because if you cannot follow instruction, correction, and direction, are you really believing God?

He was saying, “Pastor, your faith is lacking. You are missing God. I am believing, and I am going to hold the line here.” Okay, good, I can handle it. I have no issue, no problem, but my skin was not oozing sores.

He went his way. He went back to work which he was able to do because the Lord had amazingly delivered him from motorcycle accident injuries, and he had a great job. He was working with people. The employer told him, “You have to go see a doctor because you cannot work with the public when you have oozing sores.” Now the young man was between a rock and a hard place because they were going to remove him if he didn’t follow directions to get it taken care of.

Money is a motivating factor. It will move people. It will get them thinking. He went to the doctor, and he told us a day later that the doctor said, “Go to the beach, get in the sun, go in the salt water and relax.”

Yes, the Lord uses whosoever the Lord wants to use. He used the employers and He used the doctor, so the kid went down to the beach. He got in the sun and the salt water, and he relaxed. Something internal was creating a lot of external issues. I saw him five or six weeks later and he says, “Pastor, I ask your forgiveness. I was out of line.” He told me the whole story. He said, “I should not have doubted and questioned the word of the Lord that was given to me because I know what the Lord has done for me through the ministry,” — and his skin was perfect. What was the real issue? Was it the skin with the oozing sores or was it the internal

worry and stress? The real issue was that he had an authority problem, for he did not like people telling him what to do.

THE HOLY GHOST SQUEEZE

When Jesus is your Lord, and you are basically saying you are not listening to anybody but the Lord, then the Lord will put what I call the Holy Ghost squeeze on you. The Lord does this, but you do not actually see the Lord. Let me tell you, He is there in your midst. He is real. He is here. The young man was not listening to Pastor, the spiritual authority. He was not listening to his employers. He went to the doctor because he did not want to lose his job. That is not honoring nor respecting authority. He did not honor his bosses. The doctor represented the third squeeze. Technically a doctor is not one of God's authorities. In the home there are parents, in the church there are pastors, in the workplace the boss, and then the government. In those cases the Lord uses people like the doctors, like the teachers, like other people in our lives. We call them significant others in your life, and the Lord will speak through them because they are there for your care and to help you. A doctor is there to help you to be whole in health. All the authorities of the Lord, all the authorities people use, and the young man's parents were saying the same thing. He was not listening to instruction, counsel, direction and guidance. He was going to try to do it himself. Authority issue. Now, most people, quite frankly, have authority issues until they submit themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ.

What was Satan's problem? Authority issues. He has big time authority issues, and he throws tantrums if he does not get his way.

We have to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God (and the Lord uses His authorities in that process), and submit ourselves to the same. Note, for marriage it says to the husband and the wife, "*Submit yourselves one to another as to the Lord.*" So pride has to die. Jesus is Lord. That means I am going to humble myself and do what He says.

Deuteronomy, chapter 8, says that the Lord led them into the wilderness and caused them to hunger so He could feed them (The Holy Spirit squeeze). The Lord was leading them to the Promised Land, and there was no food on the way, and He knew it. They had to rely upon Him. You

have to come to a place where you joyfully submit, relying upon Him and not saying, “He is just leaving us out here to kill us,” as well as complaining and grumbling. How can the blessing start to happen then?

ORDER IN THE HOME FOR RESULTS

God has an order for the Christian home. (1st Corinthians 11) The Lord instituted marriage and only the Lord can make a marriage. There is no marriage without the Lord involved because it is a Christian institution.

A U.S. Senator had the audacity and the stupidity to say that marriage is an institution of man and that people should not have brought God into the situation. What does God have to do with it?

I could not believe it. How do these people get elected anyway? People must not be looking at what they believe or what they stand for. The ignorance is just amazing. In any case, there is an order for a Christian. I am not talking about anybody else out there, so do not write me any hate mail.

The order goes like this: God, then the man, then the woman, then the children. Interestingly, the woman is off to the side of the man, and she is to bring the children under authority to him. But the man has to be under God. If a woman is under God and the man is not, the way she gets him under God is to come under him. Submit one to another. Respect and honor. Then God works the squeeze, the Holy Spirit squeeze.

What the man will do is rebel, and subsequently bring pressure on the woman. If she does not hold the line and decides, *The hell with this, I am not going to do this*, she becomes ungodly. Then the squeeze does not work. It only works if she is in line.

If the wife is “out there,” and the man is under God, the Lord will bring the woman in line, and the children will fall in place. But if a woman is out of line, then the children are going to be “out there” too. Ladies, you are the barometer of the house. You have got to hold the line. Guys, you need to step up and take your place and care for your wife and children. That is the Holy Spirit Squeeze, and it works. Some guys who did not care about the Lord sent their wives to our classes because they loved how their wives

were treating them. Why? We teach them to respect and honor their husband, and the husband is to cherish and love his wife and the children. It is all to the Lord, but submission is the key.

IN CLOSING

Prayer:

Lord, I am receiving the hearing ear that I might know what you want and how you want to do it in Jesus' name because it is your will that I have the instructed tongue. What I say and do is only what you give me to say and do as my Lord Jesus did. In Jesus' name I receive and thank you for it now. Blessed be the Lord.

It is very important that you ask, "Lord, what do you want, how do you want it?"

He told me years ago not to pray that people live or die. Rather, pray that they be able to finish everything He has given them to do in this life. Then the hope of their calling is to go home. That is where it is. This life is not all there is. It is the choice ground. It is where decisions are made. The Lord is with us and has given us very great and precious promises so that we might escape the world and be able to operate like He did in this earth - to love and to help the people come into the kingdom of heaven. Their time is now, determining who is going to receive and who is not. Jesus already saved everybody, but each person has to come and receive that salvation. They have to come and receive whatever the Lord has for life.

We have been given the opportunity in this life to be born again in Jesus and to do what the Lord wants us to do so we might be with the Lord forever. That is our sole purpose for this life.