

“Expecting Victory”

By Mrs. Sojourner



²²“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. ²³“I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.” ²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:22-24 (NIV) (emphasis added)

“What,” you may ask, “about the people who have been healed who were not Christians or who did not really believe it would happen?” Someone believed or expected, did they not?

²⁰So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth...²²“It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” ²³“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never

enter him again.” ²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse

Notes: that many said, “He’s dead.”
[a] ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. Mark 9:20-27 (NIV) (emphasis added)

The father believed the best he knew how, but also showed a humble desire to believe more completely. Daily praying and studying the Bible helps to eradicate any doubt from our hearts and minds, helps us stay in an state of expectancy, and when we encounter challenging situations, we are already tuned into the Holy Spirit, we can hear his direction, and we already have the scripture in us so when he brings it to our remembrance, we easily identify it as scripture and stand on it, with no doubt through the fight, expecting victory.

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“What Needs Done” (Teaching Sketch) By Mrs. Sojourner

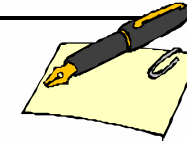
2 Timothy 4:1-8 & Proverb 3:5-8

“What do I do if God tells me to accomplish something I am not ‘gifted’ to do?”

Do what he wants. Before sputtering to me how that is impossible, consider what, as Believers, one of our main purposes in life is: to glorify God. If God asks you to do something seemingly impossible, obey his call and rejoice in the glory he’ll get at your victory.

Who, Me?

God has the glorious way of being able to enter into any circumstance and turn it to the good.^[1] Please consider that the way he is entering into the challenge you face is to give you the ability to do what is needed. So many times I’ve heard The Sojourner say that God is more interested in a person’s availability, than in their ability. If you are available to him, the Holy Spirit will work through you in ways only God could conceive!



Notes:

- [1] Romans 8:28
- [2] Ecc. 9:10
- [3] Judges 7

Teacher’s Wisdom

Paul instructed Timothy: be prepared in season and out of season. “How,” some may ask, “do we do that?” Simply trust and step by step do what God sets before you.

Understanding that we all have things that we do well, and other things that we, well, do not, let’s remember that God can and does do everything very well and he is trustworthy. He would not ask us to do something that he did not give us the provision to carry out.

Provision

Provision is more than money. Provision can be that someone stops by to see you and insists on telling you about a new construction method. You may have no interest in that information, at the time, but a week or so later when you are instructed by your employer to head the committee on the new building project—against your wishes—God’s

Scripture:

2 Timothy 4:1–8 and Proverb 3:5-8^(NIV)

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. ⁸This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

(emphasis added)

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hand was evident because your friend’s tip is key to getting the building built. God’s provision covers all.

Preparation

Does trusting God’s provision mean we can sit back and twiddle our thumbs? NO! Ecclesiastes says, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might”^[2] If what is needed is a choir director and you cannot sing or read music, but you are the only person available—DO NOT PANIC! Pray for guidance. If no maestros show up all is not lost. A flier for music lessons may show up in your mail box, or you may find a book that instructs you on where to start. Some hard work may be ahead of you, but with obedient trust, you will see God give you what is needed for each task.

Just Step Out

Gideon did not know how to lead an army, but he was obedient and was victorious. ^[3] Just step out in faith. God is with you every step of the way and you may be surprised at the hidden gifts that God is pulling out of you in the process.

Just so you’ll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

