

“Excuses or Obedience”

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We all go through life making excuses. This is a form of lying. We make a lot of excuses for our poor performances in our career or schoolwork, broken promises to our family, and most of all when we are not able to serve the Lord. God searches for those hearts that are right to do His works. Moses struggled if he would like to obey or not. Similarly, today, all of us struggle with obeying God. When we ask to get involved, we must be committed and obedient. We must not limit what we can do because God always provides. If we listen to the Holy Spirit, He will always convict us when we make excuses.

1. How does God speak to us?

- 1.1. God speaks in the Old Testaments through the prophets, visions, dreams, the burning bush, whispers, angels, and miraculous signs.
- 1.2. God speaks to us through His Son, who He appointed as Heir of all His creations (Heb 1:1-2).
- 1.3. God speaks to us today through the Holy Spirit, who is our advocate.
- 1.4. He speaks with a purpose (Heb 1:1-3).
- 1.5. He speaks to us through devotional insights.

2. What happens when we obey God?

- 2.1. God develops our character to match the assignments that He will give us.
- 2.2. He will equip us when we take the steps of obedience. Jesus said to the lepers, “Go show yourself to the High Priest.” They were healed when they obeyed.

3. God is still the same God who made promises and who blesses obedience.

- 3.1. Abraham proved his faith and obedience when he was tested. “The Lord said to Abraham: ‘Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk’ (Gen 12:1-2). Abraham acted on faith and obeyed immediately. “Faith without action is dead” (James 2:17).

3.2 If we want to know Him, we must study and meditate on His words, and we will be guided. We have a God who sees everything.

4. What was God about to do when He spoke to Abraham?

- 4.1 God wanted to build a nation. God was not concerned for Abraham alone. He wanted to build the quality of a father that will affect the generations that will follow.
- 4.2 The same is true with us. God wants to build our character to be like Jesus: kindness, goodness, patience, joy, peace, self-control, temperance, and faithfulness (Gal. 5:22-23).

5. Why does God allow Trials in our lives?

- 5.1 To build our character.
- 5.2. To show the glory of God.
- 5.3. To perform miracles in our lives.
- 5.4. To show that God uses us for His works.

Conclusion

God will reward us in our faithfulness to His will. Let us be obedient and aspire to please Him, so that He will say: “Well done, my good and faithful servant, come and follow me in My Kingdom that I prepared for you (Mt. 25:21).

Reflection:

1. How many times have you made excuses to God?
2. How can you adjust your life to commit to Him and obey Him?

Prayer

Dear God. Please give me a humble heart to always yield to your instructions, so that I can prosper. Help me to obey you and let me be flexible for the Holy Spirit's guidance. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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