

Don't Just Sit There

Spiritual apathy, sloth, has gripped too many of Christ's followers. Too many believers have settled into defeatist attitudes. Far too many people repeat the modern mantra, "Everything happens for a reason." This suggests that God orchestrated every event of our lives to put us in our current position. There are a multitude of reasons why things happen: human will, other people, living in a sin-cursed world, God's will and satanic attacks. There are multiple reasons why things happen. You are not helpless or hopeless. There is a faith response to every situation.

2 Kings 7:1-8

Hear the Word of the Lord

- [Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV] For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"
 - ✗ Faith comes from hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17)
 - ✗ Faith boldly says what God originally said.
 - ✗ [2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV] For we walk by faith, not by sight.
- Put yourself in position to hear from God
 - ✗ Daily Chapel—daily reading & study of God's Word & prayer
 - ✗ Corporate Prayer Meetings
 - ✗ Worship Services
- Be cautious not to mock the Word of the Lord!

Don't just sit there!

- Why sit here until we die?
- There is a time to take action
- It is time to get moving
- We WALK by faith
- You can't sit on your blessed assurance and expect your circumstances to improve or change!
- Learn to respond to the prompting in your heart
- Lepers had a "what do we have to lose" attitude
- Miracles happen in response to acts of obedience
 - ✗ "We will enter the city..."
 - ✗ Jesus told the disciples to cast their nets on the other side of the boat...
 - ✗ The children of Israel walked around the walls of Jericho once a day for 7 days...
 - ✗ 2 Chronicles 20:20-23 Send those who sing and praise before the army...

2 Kings 7:9-16

- God's blessings upon your life are never intended for personal consumption only
- You are blessed to be a blessing
- [Luke 12:48 NKJV] For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

2 Kings 7:17-20

- Watch your words

- ✘ [Proverbs 6:2 NKJV] You are snared by the words of your mouth; you are taken by the words of your mouth.
- ✘ [Mark 11:23 NKJV] "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**."
- **Numbers 13:1-2** the Word of the Lord
- **Numbers 13:25-32**
 - ✘ Mark what each said
 - ✘ Caleb said, "Let's go & take possession..."
 - ✘ The men said, "We are not able..."
 - ✘ BAD report
- **Numbers 14:1-4** Congregation lifted voices, cried, complained and basically said, "Let's go back to slavery..."
- **Numbers 14:6-9** Joshua and Caleb spoke
- **Numbers 14:20-24** Everyone received what they believed and spoke

Summary

- Put yourself in position to hear the Word of the Lord
- Agree with and only speak the Word of the Lord
 - ✘ Your words give oxygen to faith or doubt.
 - ✘ Withhold words of doubt and give oxygen to your faith by repeatedly speaking the Word of the Lord
- Step out in obedience