

Obedience to God's Guidance

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Isaiah 20:20-21

And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. 21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

Why doesn't God speak clearly so that we never have trouble discerning His voice? Why is it sometimes very confusing to distinguish God's desires from our own? And why doesn't He just put His will into our hearts and minds so convincingly that we can't miss Him? The answer is love; it's a matter of love.

It would seem easier to you and me if the Lord made it impossible to miss Him and that we would always obey Him; but love will not allow Him to do so. He desires you to serve Him because you love Him not because you are forced to. He wants to transform your thinking and relationship from a servant to a son, a slave to a friend. It's interesting. Most of us never pay attention to it in the fifteenth chapter of John on the night of His arrest. Jesus makes what seems like an offhand comment, but it's much more than that. He says, "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant doesn't know what His master is doing, but I have called you friend. For all of the things I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you." He wants a relationship with you where He doesn't have to always tell you what to do or show you every intricate detail before you will do it. He wants you and Him to have a relationship like a friend who knows the heart of the other.

Therefore, He does not do everything for us, but grants us the freedom to choose based upon love. There are several reasons for that; I've already listed one in the kind of relationship He wants with you. Let me give you a few more.

First, **He wants you to love Him to the degree that you are willing to die to your self-will and desires.** What greater evidence that you love the Lord your God but that you do what you normally don't—say no to yourself? He wants a relationship with you based upon love so you are truly one with Him in heart and mind.

Second, **He wants you to so love Him that you are willing to study and get to know Him.** This is the way of love. As a lover pursues the one he or she loves, learning, studying, and discovering their ways, so therefore should we learn, study, and discover the person and ways of God because we love Him. That's why this book is so precious to me; He's given me everything I need to know about Him for right now in this book.

I remember reading this Book like many of you are still reading this Book—because I had to. Some of you aren't even doing that. I didn't want God to be displeased. But when you love the One who wrote the Bible, it will change everything. You say that you're a Christian and you love God, but your love of Him is evidenced by how willing you are to learn Him.

Third, because He loves us He does not give us every detail but seems to guide us in such a way that it leaves us looking through a dark glass. We can see images but they remain obscure, a mystery of what they represent. Why does He do this? Again, I answer because He loves us so. **He is ensuring that we will trust and depend on Him even if He doesn't show you everything.** I am sure that if every detail were clear and perceptible to us we would have less reason to lean upon Him in absolute confidence. In other words, we would not walk by faith. You wouldn't need the Lord if you knew everything beforehand. God knows just what to do to keep us looking through the glass darkly because He wants you to know more than what will happen before it happens, He wants you to know Him. If you knew what would happen how much would you look to Him? He does this because He loves us.

Fourth, **because of God's love and respect for you, He will not force you to obey Him but leaves the choice of obedience to you.** *Pastor, you sound like an Arminian now. It sounds like you're talking about free will.* Let me be real frank with you, an Arminian can be right now and again and a Calvinist can be wrong now and again. The Bible is very clear that God has not taken or stolen from you the power to choose. He gives all of us the power to choose based upon what we love. Herein, is the risk of great potential or terrible disaster. The wonderful prospect is if you choose to love Him completely you gain an intimate relationship with the God of the universe, watching Him perform through you and for you things unthinkable. What is better than to know the Almighty on a personal level where He guides you through life with His eye?

On the other hand, granting you the ability of choice presents the awful prospect of disobedience and all its disastrous consequences. If you choose not to serve the Lord or know His ways,

there is terrible potential awaiting you. This choice presents you the potential to live life by your own wits and design. Such a prospect the sinner would love, but not the true Christian. Yet, God affords us the option to have as much of Him as we love to have. I'm convinced you can have as much of God as you want, as much as you're willing to pay the price. Oh, salvation is free, but intimacy with God is not free. It requires, once again, saying no to self. To walk in the fullness that Christ has purchased for you demands the divorce of your love affair with self. "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other" (Matthew 6:24).

Two weeks ago I shared with you that God has promised to guide us, "And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left." This promise is repeated throughout Scripture. Even Jesus said He was the good shepherd. What do shepherds do? Lead sheep.

God leads us primarily three ways. The first way is the principal and most important way, through the written word of God, the Bible. The second is by the personal spiritual influence of the Holy Spirit and third, by the superintending and orchestration of circumstances. This third way, God communicating to us through circumstances, can include the counsel of Christians and the will of the church.

Unfortunately, this is the least respected way and people seem to dismiss it because they do not want to come under the leadership of the church of Jesus Christ. One thing that still pollutes our souls in America is this individual liberty that says "I can do as I please." That's true as an American citizen, well, it used to be, I should say. That is quickly changing. But I'm not here to give you a political speech but a persuasive sermon from the word of God. Though it may be true for a citizen of this country, but it's not true of a citizen of the country to come. You are to submit yourself to the body of Christ.

One of the ways God leads His people is through the confirmation of the Body. For example, at our Pastors' Fellowship Thursday, one of the pastors shared with us that he and His wife feel God may be leading them to full-time missions. However, he has asked his church to pray with him about this and whatever the church decides he will abide by. I find it most remarkable and rare that a man would allow a body of believers to tell him what God is saying to him. Did you know that's Scriptural? "There's safety in a multitude of counselors," but not only that, if Christ

indwells His body then when that body speaks it should be the voice of God.

How many of you would bring yourself under the leadership of this body to believe and have the faith that God would speak to you through that body? See why I say it's remarkable and rare? But it's one of God's ways of leadership.

Lastly in our message two weeks ago we said that the test of whether God has spoken is the peace that comes when God is leading us and we are submitting to His leadership. Be forewarned: the peace of God is not something that comes to you by a process of rationalization; it is an intuitive awareness and assurance, a gift from God. Be careful, even Satan will masquerade the peace of God.

Today, I want to discuss one more essential element in God's guidance, and that is obedience.

I. GUIDANCE REQUIRES OBEDIENCE

God's guidance requires a spirit that will obey before the guidance is given. In other words, it's just the opposite of the way we want it. We go to the Lord God in prayer and ask Him, "Father, I need Your guidance and direction on this matter. I need to know Your will concerning this." We ask God, we plead with Him in prayer to show us what His will is. Not that we might do it. I'm convinced many of us do not pray, "God, show me Your will," so we can do it but so we can know what it is and then decide if we want to do it.

It is not surprising that the Lord does not cooperate with that kind of spirit. Guidance requires a spirit that is willing to obey even before the guidance is given. It requires a special kind of spirit. It requires a submissive and sensitive spirit.

A. Submissive Spirit.

As I just alluded to, so often when we pray to know the will of God we really just want God to sanction our will. We want Him to put His blessings on our desires and often God will not communicate His will to such a desire. Not only will He not sanction your desires if they're contrary to His, He won't even give guidance because what God requires of you is a life given to Him in submission. In other words, God is not looking to see if you'll do what He tells you when He

tells you, but if you're willing to submit to Him even when you don't know what He wants. And if you do know what He wants, God is looking to see if you're willing to do it even if it's painful or even seemingly distasteful.

That's what worship is. That's what the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12:1

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

What does that mean? He says this is what is holy and acceptable, this is your worship, that you give yourself to God explicitly with no conditions, no reservations, no qualifications, and you say, "Oh God, consume me." That's what sacrifices are for—to be extinguished by the flame of God.

It is that person who will be able to discern the will of God. Do we really live by Romans 12:1-2? You know what it says, but are you doing it?

Unless you have put yourself on the altar and are willing for God to do whatever He wants with you, you will not be able to prove the will of God and know it. James, in his first chapter, says exactly the same thing. Before God can give you His will and you to know it, there has to be a putting off. A plucking up. A destroying. A removing.

"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21)

Notice, this word *implanted*, which means it's already in you. You have the Word of God made flesh dwelling in you. But in order for the Christian, to receive that Word and hear and experience Him, there has to be a laying aside of all filthiness and the overflow of wickedness.

Before you can hear God there has to be a putting off of certain things. There has to be a spirit that says yes before God tells you what to do.

This same principle is taught in that memorable verse,

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

All your ways. If you want to hear God speaking to you then you need, today, to make a sacrifice once and for all.

“*And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*” (*Galatians 5:24*)

The day God saved you He didn’t just forgive you the penalty of sin and allow you an escape out of hell. He did a whole lot more than that. One of the things that took place at your conversion was that you took a stake and drove it into the heart of your corrupt and polluted human nature. You crucified the flesh. I know it’s still living and struggling, but there has been a commitment made that says, “No longer am I my own boss. I’ve been bought with a price. I belong to God, therefore I will glorify Him.” That’s why you were saved, friend.

It’s not so you could have a happy, wonderful, blessed life and escape hardship by obedience to Christ. There are some of us for whom, the more we obey, the more difficult life will become. But the sweeter it will become as well.

God didn’t save you so you can complete your agenda or so He can bless your plans. He saved you that He might bring you into His agenda for your life, but He will only share that with you when you’re willing to submit to it.

One of the most fantastic sermons for you to take an hour and listen to is by Paris Reidhead. It’s called *Ten Sheckles and a Shirt*, preached many years ago. In that very anointed message, I remember Reidhead talking about a young preacher boy who came to him while he was preaching a meeting in West Virginia.

The young man walked up to him after the sermon and said, “Brother Reidhead, I want you to know God has really used me. Our church is growing, our Sunday School is climbing in attendance, we’ve got a radio program and that’s growing but I feel like something is missing from my life. I’ve heard that God has done a wonderful work in your life and I want to be filled with the Holy Spirit just like you, so I’ve come. Can you help me?”

Reidhead said to him, “I don’t believe I can.”

The shocked young man said, “Well, why not?”

Reidhead said, “Young man, it’s like this. You’ve pulled up to the gas station in a brand new Cadillac, a powerful machine. You get out and say, ‘Lord, fill up my tank, I want the best stuff You’ve got!’ but God won’t do that. God’s not about blessing what you want Him to do or what you want done, He’s on His own agenda. The only thing I can say to you is you need to slide over and let Him drive.”

Reidhead looked at that young man and later said, “I saw so much of myself in Him that I said, ‘No, you better get in the backseat because I know the temptation you’ll have to lean over and grab the wheel. But on second thought, you shouldn’t be in the backseat because you’ll still try to lean up front and take over. Here’s what you need to do—get out of the car, unlock the trunk, throw the keys to Jesus, climb in the trunk, slam it shut and whisper through the keyhole, ‘Now, Lord, put whatever in the tank You want to and take me wherever You want me to go.’”

That’s the kind of spirit God will guide and empower and use—one that is totally submissive to the will of God no matter what that will is. Unfortunately, we want the opposite. God is not guiding you so you can reign but so He can.

B. Sensitive Spirit.

You have to learn to listen and recognize His voice.

“Do not quench the Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

What does that mean? The word *quench* means *to extinguish*. It’s a firefighter’s term. When they are called to a fire their only job is to put out the fire and rescue those in peril. Paul is telling the Thessalonians not to extinguish the Holy Spirit, His guidance, His voice or leadership. In fact, he tells them just the opposite. They are to fuel the Holy Spirit and give Him something to burn. Give Him *you*. Give Him a willing, sensitive heart. We have to learn how to be sensitive to Him and that takes a lot of practice. It takes trial and error and usually a lot of error, but God will honor it.

In those seasons when I can’t hear God it’s because I’ve quenched the Spirit. He’s talking but I can’t hear Him. A few years ago I was in a dry season. I was praying, seeking the will of God, praying for direction for all the decisions that needed to be made. “I need to hear You, God, but

You're not talking." So I decided I would get away for a few days and get alone and fast so maybe I could hear God then.

Two days went by and still nothing. On that second day, I said, "God, You promised, but You're not talking to me. How am I supposed to know what to do if You won't tell me?" God spoke to me. "Son, I've been talking. You just haven't been listening."

I was too dull of hearing. What happens when you become dull of hearing? Your heart, your desires, your passions, your interests—even if they're good things—they take priority and the Spirit's voice can't be heard through that. Listen to what the writer of Hebrews says.

"of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." (Hebrews 5:11-14)

These Christians had been saved for a good while and ought to have been teaching other people. There's a side point that a preacher should handle carefully. There is the office of pastor and teacher according to Ephesians 4:11. That does not mean you should all have a position of teacher, but he's writing to lay people, if you please. He is saying everyone should be developed in the word of God so that they are teaching others the word of God. You don't have to be a theological wizard to do that. All you have to do is find someone who doesn't know what you know and start showing them. But instead of that happening, the writer of Hebrews accused his audience that they needed to hear the fundamentals again because they had become dull of hearing.

He qualifies what that means in verse 14. It is people who are not exercising their spirit to hear. They're not practicing and listening to the Lord. They're not exercising themselves to discern between good and evil. I would say to you the reason is because they haven't paid attention and obeyed what they did know. Therefore, they needed to hear it again.

If you don't put into practice what God teaches you, you'll lose it. Always. Remember the parable of the four soils? There was one soil where the birds of the air came and plucked up the seed before it could ever germinate? Jesus explained that it was demonic spirits coming and snatching truth

out of the hearts and minds of the hearers of the Word. We know that parable is describing false conversions versus true conversion, but there is a principle in that first soil that says Satan is always engaged when the Word of God is being shared. Even Christians can experience the robbery of Satan by not putting into practice what God has said. Your hearing will become dull if you disregard what He says and don't apply it to your life.

Sensitivity to His voice comes by obedience.

Let me give you a quick biblical example of losing sensitivity to the voice of the Spirit—his name was Saul, the first king of Israel. When Saul was anointed king he was small in his own sight and knew he needed God. He was able to hear God, in fact, after his anointing he began to prophesy with the prophets and people began to ask if he was one of the prophets. The Spirit of God was using him, he was sensitive to God and he and Samuel had an awesome relationship. Saul obeyed the voice of God through Samuel. There was sensitivity in his heart so he could hear God. But when he disobeyed and refused to do all that God was telling him, the Bible shows us over a course of time the Spirit of the Lord no longer spoke to Saul and he could receive nothing from Him though he inquired much. Because he couldn't hear from God, Saul ended his life going to a witch to try to get some message from God.

When you disobey the voice of God, whether it's the written Word or what God tells you personally your spirit hardens a little bit and the next time it's much more difficult to hear Him.

Let me give you an illustration of how you gain sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Here is Samuel, a young boy serving in the Tabernacle with the High Priest Eli. One night he went to bed and heard someone call his name. This happened three times and Samuel thought it was Eli. On the third time, Eli figured out what was going on and told Samuel it must be the Lord and he told Samuel what to say. Sure enough, Samuel went back to his bed and the Lord spoke to him in an audible voice, calling out his name *Samuel*. The Bible tells us that Samuel said,

'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'

From that moment on, Samuel learned the voice of the Lord and grew sensitive to that voice because he obeyed.

Obedience brings sensitivity, disobedience brings dullness of hearing.

II. OBSTACLES TO GUIDANCE

A. Rebellious Heart.

A person who is not determined to do the will of God cannot hear from God. That's why those who are not saved can't hear God. It takes a miracle called the new birth for them to be granted spiritual hearing.

But I want to deal with Christians this morning and there is one other obstacle we must battle.

B. Self-Love.

Mainly self-love manifests itself in two ways. I've already mentioned one, trying to use God and His power and blessings to do your thing. You want to be filled with the Holy Spirit so you can do as you've planned, successfully. A lot of that is going on in America and even right here in Paducah this morning. *Lord, fill me with Your Spirit so I can do what I think needs to be done.* God is not going to bless that.

There is another way in which self-love manifests itself and that's through a fear of loss. We fear what God will take from us if we obey.

1. Loss of Money and Possessions.

God begins to speak into your life showing you that you need not work so much overtime, even turning it down. God may want you to actually be a missionary and sell all you have and go to Asia or Africa, maybe Latin America. You say, "I can't. I'm afraid of that."

We have an instinctive and intuitive knowing that if we obey God like He really wants us to and live by faith, He might just ask us to not save so much for a rainy day. Or you may have to give up some of your toys, possessions, the things you really enjoy. If you get really busy for God you may have to sell your boat or camper because you don't need it anymore.

If God is blessing you right now and providing your needs, will He not bless you in the time of need? What I'm sharing with you is the best retirement program I know. Being sensitive to God's guidance and doing what He said, living by faith in Him, He will always take care of you. He's taking care of you today, isn't He? Why will He not take care of you when you're 65 or seventy? He will. I'm not saying you shouldn't prepare for a rainy day, a wise man prepares for the tribulation that awaits him, but I'm not trusting in 401ks, Social Security, or any other pension plan. My security is in God and if I do what God says He promised to take care of me.

God has promised to provide for us when we are aged, "Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you" (Isaiah 46:4).

Daved says, "I've never seen the righteous forsaken or their seed begging for bread." God will sustain us. You can trust Him. Don't be afraid.

2. Loss of Health.

3. Loss of Comfort.

If we call a prayer meeting tomorrow night, I wonder how many of you would show up. I'm not chiding, just asking questions. If we called a prayer meeting at 7-tomorrow night, how many of you would be here? Would your extracurricular activities, your civic club, your other priorities or maybe just your recliner in the den and your favorite TV show, keep you from being here? I'm not trying to be ugly; I just want to show you why you're not really hearing God speak to you. You're sensing no direction and purpose in your life because you're disobeying God. You're afraid to go all the way with God. You don't trust Him. That's the problem.

We are having a faith crisis in our church. Can I trust the Lord, that if He should call upon me that He will sustain me and help me?

I can't reach Paducah by myself. But God didn't call me to reach Paducah by myself. He put me in the middle of this church to join arms and hands with you so that we together reach this city. Friends, you can't reach your city and this world by sitting in your lounge chair on a Monday or Tuesday night watching your favorite TV shows and letting your life fly by, wasted on frivolous

things.

4. Loss of Priorities.

What's the problem with giving up things to serve the Lord? Why does that seem so evil to you? Do you want all that God has for you? Do you want to hear God and know that He is talking to you and that He's directing your every step? This is what's required—you must reprioritize your life to perceive Him and then obey Him.

Most of us look for rational, logical arguments that contradict God's guidance. I hear it. We try to weigh out a decision and we feel like God is calling us to sacrifice and we begin to find rational reasons why that couldn't be God. Listen to me; it doesn't make sense that Moses gave up the throne and the riches of Egypt, a position of power. He had the position by which to free the slaves. He had the political power and resources to do so but God said that's not the way. And so Moses left the court of Pharaoh "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt."

Sometimes it will not make sense what God is asking you to do. Sometimes you can't see the next step; you just have to trust Him. But you never lose in serving God. He that saves His life, He's the one that will lose. We talk about that when people get saved but that's not about the conversion experience! It's about the Christian life. The Christian life is a one-way road of divorcing myself from my love affair with myself. I give my life away for the reproach of Christ.

III. THE REWARDS OF GUIDANCE

A. God's Guidance Always Leads You to Greater Knowledge of God.

To me that's the greatest reward. What God is holding before you this morning is to know more of Him. To know Him more intimately, to hear His voice more clearly and to have fellowship and communion with Him. That's what guidance is all about. We think of guidance as being something to maneuver through life to an objective or goal and God says, "No, the goal isn't a certain task being done, the goal is getting to know Me. I'm your exceedingly great reward." So as God is leading and guiding you, He's doing that so you can learn Him.

Look at Abraham. He left his home; he didn't know where he was going and for 25 years in wandering, what was he learning? God. Learning that God is good and can be trusted.

B. God's Guidance Leads to the Revelation of God's Power.

When you start obeying God as He directs you, the power of God will be manifested.

So many times we pray in our prayer meetings and we pray here, "God, send Your power. Save sinners. Save our children. Work in my family." And we expect God to do miraculous things but we're not willing to take any risks for God.

You'll never see the power of God until you're willing to take risks.

Look at Elijah, a man of like-passions as we are and yet his fervent prayer called down fire from heaven and caused the skies to shut up for seven years and then he prayed and rain came. We look at that man and are amazed, but God looks at us and says, "He was a man just like you are." So we begin to pray that God would give us miracles, to help our church become more New Testament and reach others for Him and to take the Gospel around the world and we cry to see God work. But we don't do what Elijah was willing to do. What did it require for fire to come down from heaven? He had to stand against 850 prophets who were willing and ready to take his head off at any moment. He was willing to stand before a nation and its king and say, "You have departed from the Living God."

When you go where God sends you, you will see God's power, but not before. Do you want your children to be saved? Quit praying for them to be saved only and start obeying God and they'll be saved. Put yourself out there for God to be extinguished for Him like a sacrifice upon an altar and God will manifest the fire from heaven that will consume your life and people will see you burn for God and you will be a light to them.

Let us suppose the owner of your company left the country for a year to develop the business over seas. He left several pages of instruction and during the year would send further emails and letters of instruction. Upon returning he asked you if you received his instructions. "Oh yes," you reply, "We took all of them and bound them in a beautiful leather cover. We read them everyday. And several of us memorized portions of them."

Your employer then asks, “Did you follow their instructions?”

And then you tell him, thinking you will impress him much, “We would meet for an hour on Sunday and one of us would get up and read portions of the letters and talk about them.”

“That’s nice,” replies the boss, “but did you obey them?”

You answer, “No, but we read every one of them!”

What do you think he would say to you?

Friends, God has given you a Book. I told you a few weeks ago that I used to be jealous of Abraham and Moses because they got to see God and hear God and all I get is a book. It doesn’t seem fair. I would rather have a burning bush than a book. I’m more visual. I would like a burning bush instead of trying to get up at 5:30 every morning and trying to read. Have you ever read Jeremiah, Lamentations, Habakkuk and Joel at 5:30 in the morning? I just finished Joel. How inspiring can that be? *I’m going to send these creeping locusts and whatever it doesn’t destroy the flying locusts will destroy and whatever that doesn’t destroy I’m going to send something else.* It’s kind of hard to get fired up for Jesus reading the book of Joel. Here is Moses getting visions, he sees the finger of God writing on the mountain. He gets tablets and sees the pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

But God began to show me something. I love to hear from God. I’ve learned I can’t live the Christian life without Him. We could have the most beautiful sanctuary and the best musicians and you could even have a better preacher but that doesn’t mean you’ll hear God.

Man doesn’t live by those things. He lives on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. The Lord began to show me that those Old Testament guys didn’t see God that often. Take Abraham for example, sure he heard God and on a couple of occasions God showed up to him visibly. There were angels too, but that happened very rarely. You read it in a few short chapters and you think everyday they had a conversation with God—they didn’t. But every morning I can get up and open this Book and God can speak to me.

When God spoke to Abraham, He spoke on His own schedule and His own initiative. Abraham

never started a conversation with God. God always started conversations with him. But every morning I can open this Book and sit down with my God, my Father, my Lord, my Best Friend and He can talk to me if I will listen with a submissive and sensitive spirit.

I feel sorry for Moses and his life back then. I've got something so much better. I can talk to God anytime and He will always talk to me.

Friend, if you're not listening to what this Book says why do you think God is going to come to you in the middle of the night or on the job site or at school and start talking to you and telling you what to do then? He will not do it. He's given you a Book.

Get in this Book and read it, hungry to hear what God's telling you and then do what He says, looking to Him to give you the grace and power to do it. You will begin to experience the power of God and your life will never again be the same. You'll start seeing God doing things you've never seen before. You won't just be reading about them, you'll be experiencing them in your everyday life. Amen.