

WHEN GOD SAYS DO IT . . .

This title came to me recently while reading a Daily Devotional -- the entire thought is this -- "When God Says Do It, He's Already Planning the Resources We Need to Accomplish the Task."

As a Faith Missionary for many years in Southern Africa my wife and I have experienced the reality of this statement and the accompanying Bible verse, "*My God SHALL supply ALL your need according to His Riches in Glory by Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:19).

What a thrill to depend on the God of Creation to supply our every need as He has promised. Whatever He calls us to do He is always there to provide all we need to do His bidding.

Just think of it -- when Jesus was speaking to the 5,000 and dinner-time came he told His disciples to feed them. Put yourself in their shoes -- how in the world were they going to find enough food for such a crowd? All they could come up with was a young lad's sack lunch of two small sandwich rolls and a few sardines -- but -- the Lord had it all planned (Mark 6:35-41).

In His precious hands he was able to multiply these items to more than enough to feed the crowd -- which no doubt was about 20,000 when you include the women and children. HE IS ABLE!

Now, let's get up to date and a bit personal. Have you been spoken to by the Lord in your devotions, your prayers, or your Bible reading? Is there something He wants to do through you? Are you afraid to respond to His calling? Are you doubting His power to accomplish His Will using you to perform it?

Saying YES to the Lord can be very scary at times. We remember very vividly over 40 years ago when the Lord told us to get rid of everything and go to Africa to tell those people the Good News of Forgiveness of sin, Salvation, and a New Life through the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ.

Another verse comes to mind -- "*I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me*" (Philippians 4:13) -- He gives the opportunity and He gives the provision to fulfill His calling.

When Jesus gave the order to feed the people He knew exactly how it would be done -- He was testing the faith of the disciples. When God speaks to us today to do something, often unheard of, He is testing our faithfulness.

God will get the job accomplished -- with or without you -- and you will be the loser if you doubt and procrastinate. All through the ages God has directed His people to

accomplish great things -- the walls of Jericho and Joshua are another example of the impossible being accomplished by a man of faith (Joshua, chapter 6).

The twelve spies who were sent by Moses to spy out the land -- only two of which had faith entered it -- the other ten died in the wilderness, never enjoying the promise of God (Numbers, chapters 13 & 4).

Many blessings are lost by our hesitating to follow God's leading. Think of the Ten Commandments (Exodus, chapter 20) -- ten very simple items for us to follow to have Victory in this life -- and Eternity in Heaven with God -- and yet we often brush them off and want to follow our own selfish, sinful way.

“WHEN GOD SAYS DO IT . . .” we had better sit up and take notice -- He has a plan AND a Blessing if we follow Him.

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