



Life Lesson Notes

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“Get a Word from God”

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Joshua 9:3-15

As followers of Christ we need to have a plan.

In making a plan the first step is to get a word from God.

God’s plans will happen.

“My counsel shall stand, and I will do my pleasure. Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it, I will also do it.” Isaiah 46:10b-11

Joshua either got prideful or comfortable.

Four Dangers of Not Getting a Word from God:

1. You will get royally scammed.

“So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.” V. 15

A. It will affect something you care about.

B. We get royally scammed when we trust our senses.

2. You will reject the check of the Spirit.

“Then the men of Israel said to the Hivites, ‘Perhaps you dwell among us; so how can we make a covenant with you.’” V. 7

A. We need relationships with Godly people.

B. We must be able to trust them.

C. They must be able to trust us.

3. It will become a constant struggle.

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“And all the congregation complained against the rulers.” V. 18

Definition of a “Teachable Moment:” When God doesn’t let you out of what you did.

- A. God didn’t let Joshua escape the consequences of his actions.

“Now therefore, you are cursed, and none of you shall be freed from being slaves-woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God.” V. 23

- 4. You end up servng the people who scammed you.

Three Ways to Get a Word from God:

- 1. Read the Bible.
 - A. Not flip it and pick it.
 - B. This is not your morning devotion.
 - C. There is one translation but there are many applications.

“For thus says the High and Lofty One, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” Isaiah 57:15

- D. Read it systematically.
 - E. Read it accurately.
- 2. Read it specifically
- 3. Be sensitive to the answer you receive.
 - A. Wait for the answer God gives, not the one you already chose.

**“Encouraging non-Christians to become Christians,
and Christians to become more like Christ.”**