

# You First

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Everyone has a need in their life. We all have situations, circumstances and issues that we need God to help us with. When you realize that without Him you can do nothing it makes you understand how much you really do need His power activated in your life. But God has is a God of order and He has a process by which He responds to our needs.

In Matthew 6:33 the Bible tells us, "But seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and ALL these things will be added unto you." God desires to give us everything that we have need of but He also REQUIRES something from us FIRST.

In Exodus 14:10; 13-16 we see the story of the children of Israel. They had just been miraculously released from Egypt and they are standing on the shore of the Red Sea. All of the sudden they turn around and Pharaoh's army are pursuing behind them, trapping them against the Red Sea. In verse 10 the children of Israel are afraid and they cry out unto the Lord. Moses, being the leader that he was, begins to calm the people with a sure word about who the Lord is. But in verse 15 the Lord speaks and He asks something of the people. He asks them, "Why are you crying to me?" He then tells them, "GO FORWARD!" Isn't it amazing that He asked them to move FIRST before He moved. He wanted to see some faith on their part before He did the miraculous.

The beautiful thing about God's requirement for you going first, is that if you will obey and do your part HE WILL ALWAYS come through with His part. Every promise has a condition and if you complete the condition the reward of the promise is yours.

Jesus taught us in Luke 6:38 by saying, "GIVE (you first), and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." He is going to wait until you give Him something to start with and then He will bless, break and multiple it back to you.

Over and over again we see this principle in the Bible. I encourage you to study these references and notice that in each incident the miraculous was not unleashed in the lives of the people until they had FIRST stepped out.

- Genesis 22:9-12 – Abraham/Isaac on Mt. Moriah
- I Kings 17:9-16 – Widow of Zarephath/Elijah (notice vs 13)
- Matthew 12:13 – Man with the withered hand
- Mark 6:35-38 – The feeding of the 5,000. Read the account of this in John 6:6 and notice Jesus asks them first what they have in their hands to give.

There are three things that I want you to understand about this principle of YOU FIRST. These are important because they will help you to apply this principle in your life.

## **1. Listen to your leader**

- a. God does not only speak through His Word but sometimes He prods your Pastor, or spiritual head to give you a commandment. Moses told the people to go forward. Elijah told the widow to give him first the food. Jesus asked the disciples first what they had in their hands. Listening and following the commandments of your leadership will often release the promise in your life.
- 2. God did not act until they first acted**
- a. God always desires to see the level of our faith before He commits His miraculous power to us. Many times we don't receive our healing, blessing, deliverance or salvation because we don't move first. YOU must repent BEFORE salvation will come. There is always a first move by you then a reaction by God.
- 3. Inaction IS a reaction**
- a. You may say that you are just "waiting" on God, but realize that inaction (or doing nothing) is still a reaction in the eyes of God. If one Israelite had stood on the Egyptian side of the Red Sea and said, "I'll just wait and see if you all make it safely over before I move." They would have perished with the Egyptians. The principle of this is seen in their lives again when they stand on the banks of the Jordan river and decide NOT to go forward and take the land of Canaan. Don't miss your opportunity for the miraculous simply because of your inaction.

So I encourage you today – MAKE THE FIRST MOVE! God desires to pour out blessings and miracles in your life. The only thing He is waiting on is YOU!