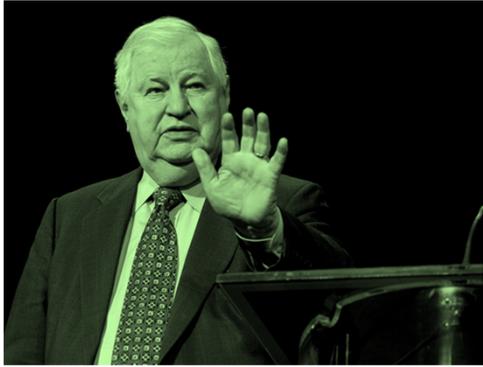




God is inviting you to be involved in  
God-sized tasks





“Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes – all the time! It must be that way, for God’s glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world.”

Henry T. Blackaby, *Experiencing the Spirit: The Power of Pentecost Every Day*



We are not speaking of a normal crisis

We are speaking of a crisis of belief

Whatever you say or do next reveals  
what you believe about God

“The Crisis of Belief [is] a moment when we understand what God wants us to do and decide whether or not we will do it. There are steps that lead up to that moment, including accepting God’s invitation to work with him and observing where God is at a work, but the Crisis of Belief is pivotal. It’s a go or no-go, in or out, fish or cut bait moment.”

Bob Dellinger, MD

Num 13:30-31 Then Caleb quieted the people in the presence of Moses and said, “We must go up and take possession of the land because we can certainly conquer it!” But the men who had gone up with him responded, “We can’t go up against the people because they are stronger than we are!”

1. When God leads you to do something God-sized, you will always face a “crisis of belief.”

The word crisis comes from the Greek word “krinein” meaning “to decide.”



Ex 3:8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey,

Ex 3:10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

Ex 3:11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

Ex 3:12 So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”



2. When you face a “crisis of belief,” what you do next reveals what you really believe about God.

- You can settle for less than God’s will, do what “you” can do, and never even know the great things you’ve missed.
- This is the point at which many people decide not to follow what they sense God is leading them to do.
- This why many wonder why they do not experience God’s presence, power, and activity the way other Christians do.

Lk 6:46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and don’t do the things I say?”

3. Obeying God requires faith.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



“Christians have a natural tendency to try building a life in which faith is unnecessary. We establish a comfort zone where everything is in ‘our’ control ... ”

Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing God*

- We have a natural tendency to build a life in which faith is unnecessary.
- Each time God appeared and revealed Himself and His will to someone, their response required a step of faith.
- Faith is confidence that what God promised will come to pass.

- Faith is only valid if it is focused on God and what He says He is purposing to do.
- God-sized tasks cannot be accomplished with human ability; they can only be accomplished with God's ability.
- Obedience indicates faith in God – disobedience reveals a lack of faith.

Mk 10:27 Looking at them, Jesus said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God!"

#### 4. "True" faith impresses people.

People will come to understand what God is like when they see Him at work.

If people are going to see God at work, they must witness more than just sincere Christians doing the best they can. People must see God at work in Christians' lives.

Although some church leaders believe it is irresponsible to attempt things that are impossible apart from divine intervention, the fact is that when we accomplish things that can only be explained by God, we provide a powerful witness to God's presence and guidance.

When the world sees things happening through God's people that cannot be explained apart from God, people will be drawn to God.



Ex. 14:4 Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord."

Ex. 14:31 Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses.



1 Sam 17:45-47 Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will

strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup>Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands.”



Jn 12:32 “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”

## 5. Obedience can be costly.

- Obedience is no guarantee that we will experience victory in this life:

Heb 11:33-38 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead raised to life again.

<sup>36</sup>Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented — <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

- Regardless of the earthy outcome, the eternal rewards are worth the cost of obedience:

Heb 11:25-26 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup>esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.