

The God You Trust is the One You Listen To

There is a story that is woven through the Old Testament. As God's people were drawn out of a community that had created gods in their own image, God set out to prove that He was the only true God. He set out to help them understand that the only true God is the One you and I must listen to.

Scripture(s): Psalm 62:1-8; 1 Samuel 17; 2 Kings 15; 2 Corinthians 10; 1 Samuel 13; Luke 22:49-53

Today's truth - God is the voice that _____ for our safety, happiness, and victory.

I. We wait and listen to God when what He says is the reason why we are _____. We unknowingly face a constant war of _____ that seeks to shrink God down to just one of many voices to which we listen and by which we make decisions.

1 Samuel 17:41-51 ... ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and 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 taunted. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands." (2 Kings 5:15-27)

II. We wait and listen to Jesus when we are at _____ when fighting Christ's way is slow to work. We are persistently tempted to try to accomplish spiritual victories through _____ tools.

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 ¹ Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent! ² I ask that when I am present I need not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some, who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh. ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

III. We wait and listen to God when _____ timing and _____ way of winning are truly what we want. Believers must always check their decisions in the light of God's reality, and change their decisions until they match God's reality.

1 Samuel 13:8-14; Luke 22:49-53

Encouragement 1 - Think _____ about confidence and fear... From where does yours come?

Encouragement 2 - If you have been tempted to excuse fleshly behavior because you were doing the right thing, begin anew to walk as Jesus walked and _____ as Jesus walked.

Our challenge: Be a follower of Jesus that knows who you are _____ to listen to and decides purposefully to make Jesus the voice you trust and _____.

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