

Trinity Baptist Church

'Taking God at His Word'

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

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Good News Translation (GNT)

Mark 14:13

John 16:20-24

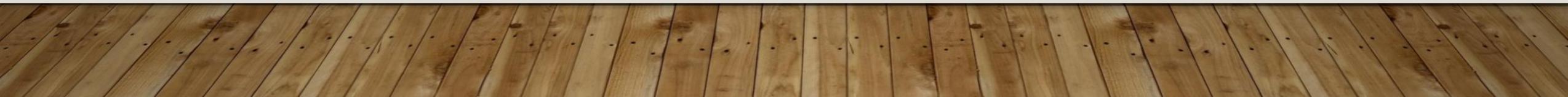
Ephesians 2:7-10

Ephesians 3:7-10

“And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, “Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.”” **Mark 14:13 KJV**

“Jesus sent two of his followers and said to them, “Go into the city. A man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.”” **Mark 14:13 ICB**

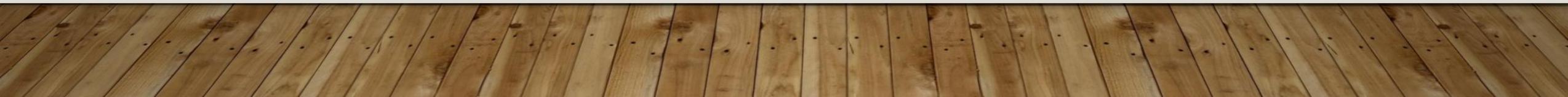
“Then Jesus sent two of them with these instructions: “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.”” **Mark 14:13 GNT**



Two disciples were given very detailed instructions to go to a certain town and look for a particular man performing a specific task. He has a room, furnished and ready to observe the Passover.

These instructions might have seemed unusual had it not been their Lord speaking. The two disciples obeyed and found everything just as Jesus had said.

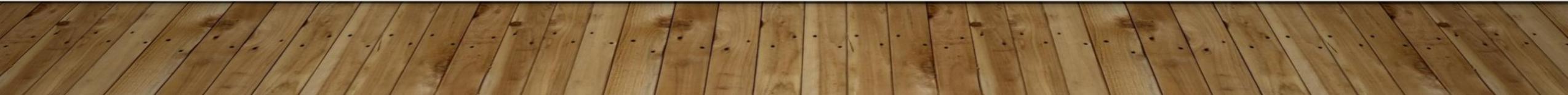
Jesus knew exactly what they would find, so He guided them specifically.



One of the most memorable and precious times the disciples would spend with their *Teacher* hinged on the obedience of these two.

**Obedience to Christ's
commands always brings fulfillment.
His word is His promise.**

When the Lord gives us instructions, obey immediately. Do not wait until you have figured it all out and everything makes perfect sense to you.



Sometimes God leads us to do things we do not fully understand until we have done them.

God does not usually reveal all the details of His will when He first speaks to us.

Instead, He tells us enough for us to implement what He Has said. But, He withholds enough information so that we must continue to rely on His guidance.

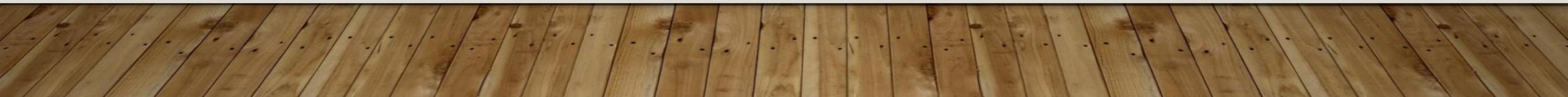


Don't Missed This!

Our response to God will absolutely affect what He does next in our lives! Our obedience can in fact and indeed affect the way others around us experience Christ in well.

If God has given “us” a directive that we have not obeyed, we must get busy and immediately obey that directive and watch God’s perfect plan unfold in our lives!

We will experience His faithfulness as He fulfills His promises.

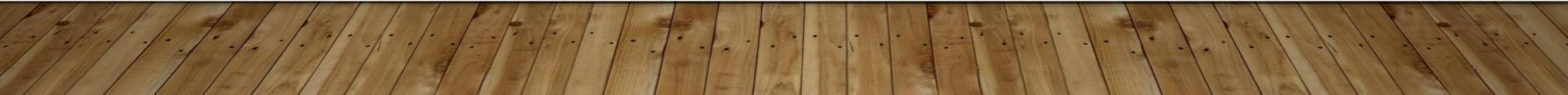


When we walk in intimate fellowship with Jesus Christ, we have the blessed assurance that every promise God has made in Scripture is available to us.

This truth should motivate us to search the Scriptures for each promise in order to meditate on its potential for our lives.

Jesus promised that when you ask for something in His will, He will give you what you ask.

This is found in the Gospel **John 16:23(b)**.



Let us read **John 16:20-24 GNT**

—“I am telling you the truth: you will cry and weep, but the world will be glad; you will be sad, but your sadness will turn into gladness. When a woman is about to give birth, she is sad because her hour of suffering has come; but when the baby is born, she forgets her suffering, because she is happy that a baby has been born into the world. That is how it is with you: now you are sad, but I will see you again, and your hearts will be filled with gladness, the kind of gladness that no one can take away from you.



“When that day comes, you will not ask me for anything. I am telling you the truth: the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your happiness may be complete.” **John 16:20-24 GNT**

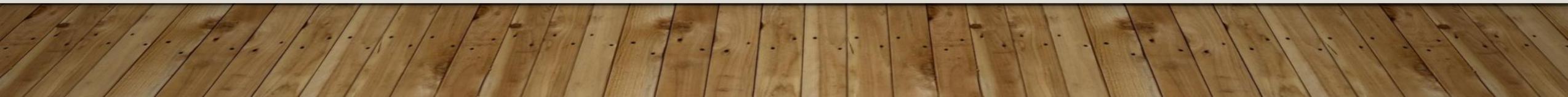
This promise is available to every Christian. If we ask God whether this promise applies to our lives, God’s answer is, **“Yes”!**



If we are not currently experiencing this promise, it does not change the fact that God has said it. We may need to seek God's answer for why His promise has not yet reached maturity in us.

Paul claimed he had tested each of these promises in his life and found them all to be absolutely and abundantly true.

That is why he could speak of, “***the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus***”; we are told in **Ephesians 2:7**.



Read now, **Ephesians 2:8-10 GNT.**

“For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it. God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do.” **Ephesians 2:8-10 GNT**



The activist apostle Paul also speaks of “*the boundless riches of Christ*” in **Ephesians 3:8**.

Ephesians 3:7-10 GNT

“I was made a servant of the gospel by God’s special gift, which he gave me through the working of his power. I am less than the least of all God’s people; yet God gave me this privilege of taking to the Gentiles the Good News about the infinite riches of Christ, and of making all people see how God’s secret plan is to be put into effect.”



God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages, in order that at the present time, by means of the church, the angelic rulers and powers in the heavenly world might learn of his wisdom in all its different forms.” **Ephesians 3:7-10 GNT**



Paul had found a wealth of God's promises and enjoyed them all in abundance. Do not become discouraged or impatient if you are not experiencing to the fullest all God's promises in your life.

God may want to prepare us, even now, to receive some of the great truths He has made available to us. Walk closely with your Lord, and in time we will see Him bring His promises to fruition in our lives.

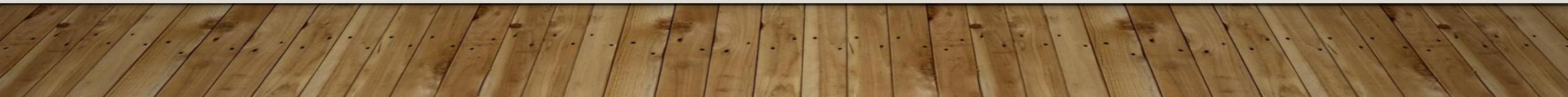


Seriously Thoughtful Questions for Seriously Committed Disciples.

1. What promise in Scripture has been most significant in your past? Why?
2. What promise in Scripture gives you confidence for the future? Why?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1= stubborn rebellion. 10=eager obedience).

3. How obedient are you to God's word?



Close Out.

- What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
- Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
- What does God want you to do in response to today's study?



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