

THE INSANITY OF OBEDIENCE

EVERYDAY MIRACLES

From the video:

1. What are the two personal identities people choose between each day?
2. What did Nik say about faith being a “personal matter”?
3. What point did Nik reiterate regarding “personal freedom”?

So far we've learned that ...

God's _____ is our _____.

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

If we are _____ to God's mission, we will face _____.

John 15:20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)

¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted ...

Our _____ are our first _____ and often God's means of accomplishing the mission.

Acts 16:30-32 (ESV)

³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

Genesis 18:17-19 (ESV)

¹⁷ The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

Today ...

God does the seemingly _____ through the _____, _____ witness of obedient individuals.

Lesson of the Widow and the Oil

2 Kings 4:1-7 (ESV)

¹ Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.”

² And Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?”

And she said, “Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.”

³ Then he said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few. ⁴ Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside.”

⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.”

And he said to her, “There is not another.”

Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest.”

Give _____, not just _____.

Teach _____ on God. He is the _____ of the story.

Remember – We are trying to make _____; not _____.

Lesson of the Ethiopian Official

Acts 8:26-36, 38-40 (ESV)

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.

²⁷ And he rose and went.

And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”

³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Who knows _____, _____, or _____ God will save someone?

Always be _____ to the Spirit and _____ to give Goods News.

Remember – You might be part of a _____ of encounters that God uses to bring someone to faith.

So, remember ...

We must choose to share the risk of _____ with believers around the world. This is the privilege of _____.

We are _____ to share our faith in every setting and in every place. There will always be _____ for our obedience, but we are always free to obey.

Somehow, within the context of _____, God will use suffering for His purposes, and we can trust Him to do so.