

Turning Point – Crisis of Belief

Unit 7 Day 1 of Experiencing God

Review:

- We have learned four scriptural patterns in experiencing God
 1. God is always at work _____ around you
 2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal _____
 3. God invites you to join _____ Him in His work
 4. God speaks to us by the Holy Spirit in the _____, in _____, in circumstances, and in the church in order to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
- The fifth scriptural pattern is today's lesson: - God's invitation for you to join Him in His work will always lead you to a crisis of belief that requires _____ and a _____.

The Pattern

- Joshua 6 – the crisis in belief in entering the promised land
 1. 40 years earlier the people of Israel refused to enter the promised land because the inhabitants were too _____; God said their next chance would be in 40 years.
 2. God's strategy for Israel
 - a. Jericho was a _____ city (surrounded by a double wall).
 - b. The army was to march around the city one time each day for _____ days.
 - c. On the seventh day, the army was to march around the city _____ times.
 - d. Then the priests were to blow their _____ and all of Israel were to _____ as loud as they could.
 - e. The wall of the city would then fall down _____
 3. The crisis of belief
 - a. The march around the wall – Jericho could a _____
 - b. How could walls fall flat?
 - c. This generation did the difficult thing – joined God in His strategy (FAITH)
- Judges 7 – the crisis in belief in conquering the Midianites
 1. The Midianite army numbered over _____ thousand
 2. God told Gideon to bring an army of _____
 3. The army had to _____ God's strategy.
- Every time God invited someone or a group to join Him in His work, that invitation created a crisis of belief.

The Practice

- Have you had to abandon your plans to join God in His work?
 1. Personal examples
 - a. Leading a person to Christ (several occasions)
 - b. Dealing with attempted suicide (several occasions)
 - c. Ministering in Panama
 2. Examples from the church body
 - a. A church without a pastor
 - b. Purchase of land (prayer & then a test of faith)
 - c. Reaching the apartments next to us
- Never fear adjusting to God's plans, as difficult as it may seem.
Fear NOT adjusting and missing out on God's work!