

## TURN AWAY FROM NATURAL THINKING

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*One of the greatest mistakes people make is by expecting God to act in ways considered to be logical by human standards. God is a Spirit, thus his ways are different than ours. Our expectations and reasoning is very limited by comparison... with God seeming to be mysterious in many ways. **ISA 55:8** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. If the correct scriptural approach is taken, many of the mysteries of God and his purposes, can be simply & easily used for the benefit of humanity.*

*God reveals the best way to spread the Gospel. **1COR 1:21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. Spreading the gospel by word of mouth is God's choice... thus we must conclude it is the most effective option available.*

*When we speak, God goes into action. **ACT 2:37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? This is a joint effort between God and us; that is why we continually promote the need to talk to others, so he can get results.*

*We need also to have expectation that God will open the hearts of the unsaved and lead us to them. **ACT 10:45** And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. **46** For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, This is the only method God has backed for 2000 years. Speaking in tongues is a mystery language of perfect prayer and remains a consistent sign of God's anointing.*

*The impossible has occurred; mortal flesh and God's Spirit are united. **1COR 6:19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. God bridges the gap between life and death, between mortal and spiritual, making us spiritual ambassadors.*

*God expects us to follow his word faithfully, rather than rely on natural instincts. **2COR 5:7** (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) Keep asking even if your petition appears to be unanswered... that is faith at work.*

*David used a sling... he did it God's way. **1SAM 17:43** And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. Goliath & his army were killed.*

*Noah built an ark... appears they had never seen rain, flooding was unknown. **MAT 24:37** But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. **38** For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, **39** And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. We are building a church... a spiritual body to survive a rain of fire... something else never seen by humanity.*

*Moses was told to use what God had given him and to stop worrying. **EXO 14:15** And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: **16** But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. God expects us to put our faith and wisdom into action; to use the Spirit.*

*Healing came by being obedient to God's directives... not by logical application. **2KIN 5:10** And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. **11** But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. **12** Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. **13** And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Naaman accepted the direction of God, but wanted to modify it to suit his natural perspective. He was finally healed through simple obedience.*

*Jesus also confounded the wisdom of mankind. **MAT 17:27** Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee. Jesus reveals the unlimited ability of God to meet our needs. Also **JER 33:3** Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Only bold & faithful actions can bring spiritual results!*