

GETTING TO YES FOR THE FIRST TIME! 1 SAM. 14:4-14

2016 is now before us with many challenges both known and unknown...!

How do God's people respond?

I. Begin with the / God's certainties!

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2 Chronicles 14:11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, **it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.**

Jeremiah 32:17 **Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:**

Jeremiah 32:27 **Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?**

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, **With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.**

Luke 1:37 **For with God nothing shall be impossible.**

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Begin with:

- **Commands**
- **Promises**
- **Clear teaching**

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Romans 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

1 Timothy 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

II. Continue with the possibilities!

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are **yea**, and in him **Amen**, unto the glory of God by us.

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2 Samuel 12:19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. 2 Samuel 12:20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. 2 Samuel 12:21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. 2 Samuel 12:22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: **for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be**

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2 Kings 19:4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: **Joel 2:13** And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: **for** he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. **Joel 2:14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him;** even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

Amos 5:14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. **Amos 5:15** Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: **it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.**

Jonah 3:9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: **it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.**

III. Follow up / follow through with the appropriate, Biblical activities!

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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Mark Twain