**ANAHEIM SERVICES**

**PRE-MESSAGE HIGHLIGHT – NOVEMBER 13**

**INTRODUCE MYSELF**

**WELCOME NEW VISITORS**

* **AS YOU SAW IN THE VIDEO, OUR SENIOR PASTORS JERRY & KIMBERLY ARE LEADING THEIR FALL ISRAEL TOUR**

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Bible Dec.

Open up to John 1

**God’s Provision During Recession (Part 2)**

Last week, we talked about the fact that the Lord loves to provide for His children…

**John 1:12-13** “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13**who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

So those that receive Jesus get the right to become children of God, which comes with advantages…

However, today I specifically want to answer an important question…

**What’s our Part?**

Did you know that we have a part to play?

Let me read first kings again from last week, but in a different light…

**1 Kings 17:2-7** “Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, **3**“Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **4**And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” **5**So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **6**The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. **7**And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.”

-What if Elijah did nothing the Lord said? Would he have been provided for?

Which brings me to my main point for today… **“Obedience prompts provision…”**

It’s important to be where God has called you to be…

**STORY:** Guy who wasn’t a part of the leadership team starting entering our meetings via zoom with his friend… He would talk about the most.

Go where God has called you to go and don’t go where he hasn’t called you…

**Where has God called you to go that you haven’t gone? Or what has God called you to do that you haven’t done?**

**STORY:** Marlene and I needed God to come through… Didn’t know how we were going to make it. Had an opportunity to give and felt led to do it. Chose something that felt stretching the felt like we were supposed to double it. Asked Marlene and she said over double the number I had landed on…

-God in an unexpected way provided enough for what we needed that week

**2 Kings 5:1-14** “Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, *but* a leper. **2**And the Syrians had gone out onraids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman’s wife. **3**Then she said to her mistress, “If only my master *were* with the prophet who *is* in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy.” **4**And *Naaman* went in and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus said the girl who *is* from the land of Israel.”

**5**Then the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels*of gold, and ten changes of clothing. **6**Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said,

Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.

**7**And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “*Am* I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.”

**8**So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

**9**Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. **10**And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and *you shall* be clean.” **11**But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out *to me,* and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’ **12***Are* not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. **13**And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, *if* the prophet had told you *to do* something great, would you not have done *it?* How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” **14**So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.”

Sometimes when we pray, God responds with a miracle…

-I’ve found in my life, most of the time though, He respond with instruction.

But again, obedience prompts the provision of God.

**Matthew 17:24-27**   
“When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the *temple* tax came to Peter and said, “Does your Teacher not pay the *temple* tax?” **25**He said, “Yes.” And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?” **26**Peter said to Him, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. **27**Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.”

Sometimes God is trying to tell us what to do, we don’t do it, then we wonder why God isn’t providing…

Sometimes the Lord is speaking and we’re not even aware He’s trying to talk to us…

**STORY:** welcome cards… Alex just staring at me.

Or sometimes we ask the Lord for wisdom, but it doesn’t matter what He says, we’re going to do our own thing.

**STORY:** Riley – What dress should she wear? Okay, well we’re not going to do that one…

Look at what the Lord says about those who trust in their own strength vs. those who trust in the Lord…

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

“Thus says the Lord: “Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man  
And makes flesh his strength,  
Whose heart departs from the Lord.  
**6**For he shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
And shall not see when good comes,  
But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,  
*In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited.

**7**“Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord,  
And whose hope is the Lord.  
**8**For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,  
Which spreads out its roots by the river,  
And will not fear when heat comes;  
But its leaf will be green,  
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,  
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.”

-Many believers live as if God is not a factor in the situation

-He wants to not only be a factor… He wants to be THE factor!

Let me close with Matthew 6.

**Matthew 6:31-33** “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32**For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Notice, this isn’t saying to seek first the kingdom because that other stuff doesn’t matter… It says to seek first the kingdom because YOUR FATHER KNOWS YOU NEED ALL THESE THINGS...

What have you been believing? Have you been seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness?

Pray

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**DISMISSAL**

**GIVE US ONE YEAR HERE AT THE ROCK AND SEE IF GOD WON’T CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US TODAY, INCLUDING THOSE OF YOU ONLINE! LET ME REMIND YOU OF A FEW THINGS:**

1. **VISITORS**

* **WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU AT THE WELCOME CTR.**

1. **BAPTISMS**

* **TODAY AFTER THE 11:30 SERVICE**
* **NO ADVANCE SIGN-UP IS NEEDED; WE SUPPLY CLOTHES & TOWELS**
* **MEET NEAR THE FRONT RIGHT CORNER OF THE STAGE (MY LEFT, YOUR RIGHT) FOR ORIENTATION**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!**