

GOD'S WORK THROUGH US

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ACTS 4:13

I love the book of Acts. The events that happen and the boldness of the disciples and early Church never cease to amaze me.

It is not lost on me that Jesus came into the world from the humblest of beginnings and continued his works through people the world would never choose to do great things. God shows us in this that his kingdom is not of this world, and he will use people the world deems incapable of the things that they do if we let him.

For that to happen though, we must do two things:

1. We must be dedicated to spending time with him. This means we study his Word, listen for his voice, and abandon all other idols that so easily entrap us.
2. We must be willing to go wherever he wants us to go, and do whatever he wants us to do.

Those might not seem that difficult, but God humbles the proud and exalts the humble. He stretches us and sends us to do things that are impossible without him. He chooses to use us often in ways that don't suit our strengths or come easily to us. That is no coincidence. We are in a long line of the tradition of people the world would never use.

I invite you to ask the same questions this Advent season that I constantly must ask myself:

God, what do you want me to do?

God, am I honestly being open to that?

Am I simply showing up and letting you do what you can, or am I trying to do this of my own will?

PRAYER

Papa, I pray that you will open our eyes to see you this Advent in new and exciting ways that continue to steer us closer to you. May we be open to whatever you would have us do, and walk in whatever you would have for us with humility, grace, and wisdom.



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Christmas
AT CEDAR SPRINGS