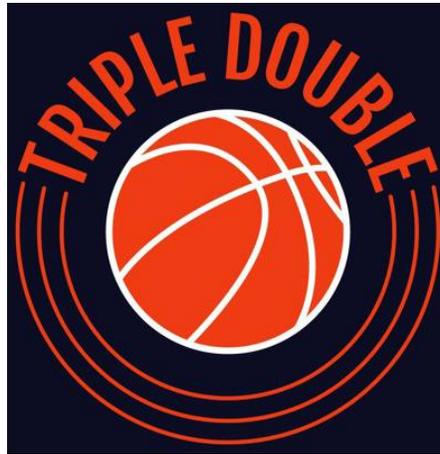


## 2022 – The Year of the Triple Double

Recently when I saw the number 2022, I immediately heard the phrase, “triple double,” and I realized God was telling me something about next year.



I knew this phrase is associated with the game of basketball, though in truth I’m really not a fan. I haven’t paid attention to it since the days of Patrick Ewing and the New York Knicks back in the late ‘90s. And though I had a general idea of what the phrase means, I decided to do some research and came up with the following:

### What is a Triple-Double?

There are five major individual statistics in basketball:

- Points
- Assists
- Rebounds
- Steals
- Blocks

All box scores will display these five stats for every player in the game.

A triple-double is recorded when a player achieves double-digit stats (scoring at least 10) in any *three* of these five major statistical categories.

I also learned something that I found fascinating: the modern NBA is *positionless*. This is what makes it much easier for players to put up stats not commonly associated with their position. Back in the ‘90s, you’d have two towering men in the center position who would get the majority of the rebounds and take most of the shots. Today most teams see all 5 players shooting more three-pointers, which means that the rebounds are much more accessible to the smaller players. In addition, with five shooters on the team and plenty of ball and player movement it’s also much easier to find open shots and generate assists.

This shift in playing style and philosophy parallels what God has been doing in the church over the past 50 or so years. Instead of one man or woman standing in the “center” position doing most of the ministering, we have seen more and more intentional church environments created where everyone’s gifts and contribution are expected and celebrated.

Here’s what each basketball term means:

**Points** –To successfully throw the ball so it goes through the basketball hoop. This can score 1, 2 or 3 points depending on the situation.

**Assist** - A pass to a teammate who scores a basket immediately or after one dribble.

**Rebound** - To obtain the ball after a missed scoring attempt, either by yourself or another player.

**Steal** - To gain possession of the ball from the opposing team by intercepting a pass, knocking the ball off a dribble, or slapping it legally out of an opponent’s hands

**Block** - To tip or deflect a player's scoring attempt, altering its flight so that the shot misses.

In this prophetic analogy the **basketball** represents our individual purpose or destiny in life, along with all that God has given us in order to do our part in His Master Plan. It symbolizes our gifts, talents, abilities, values, passions and dreams.

Because the game of basketball is, at its core, a team sport, what each of us has been given to accomplish in life is *never* to be viewed as strictly a solo effort. While we’re certainly responsible to engage fully in whatever our particular role looks like in life, the ultimate fulfillment of our calling will require involvement by others, specifically those who are directed by God to come alongside us, just as we are called to come alongside them. We were created to need one another, and a basketball team illustrates this truth beautifully, as we’ll see in greater detail ahead.

The obvious goal of this game is to score points, and win by scoring more points than the opposing team. Who is the opposing team? It’s important to understand this clearly so we don’t get distracted and waste time and energy on anything that tries to pull us away from staying focused on our divine assignments.

The opposing team represents people whose current life purpose is literally opposite ours. If we are called, for example, to set captives free in some way, our team will consist of others with a similar call. Our individual function on the team will have certain unique qualities, but we work together and see our unique role complement and add to what others bring into the mix.

So in this case, the opposing team will consist of people who are engaged in entrapping people and keeping them in some captive condition, thus denying them the freedom to become who God created them to be and do what He created them to do. Winning the game therefore means we work to see people set free, frequently and consistently, because that’s the purpose of this particular team. Your team will likely have a different purpose and an opposing team similarly working against you.

With this understanding as our foundation, let’s explore what it means to experience God’s “Triple Double” in 2022.

As you may know, numbers carry significant prophetic meaning in the Bible. If you're interested in learning more about this subject, I can highly recommend Troy Brewer's book, "Numbers that Preach." It's used as a textbook in many Christian colleges and Bible schools around the U.S.

From this book, here are the meanings of these numbers:

**2** – Represents manifest power, testimony, being made separate and Godly division. In the negative it tends to represent things believers should be separate from and a witness to.

In Genesis 1 we see God separate light from darkness, the waters above from waters below, dry land from waters, etc. We see Him contrast two lifestyles repeatedly: Abel/Cain; Abraham/Lot; Isaac/Ishmael; Jacob/Esau; first Adam/last Adam. Joshua and Caleb were witnesses against the unbelief of the other ten spies and Israel.

We see two witnesses in Revelation 11, and Jesus sending the disciples and the 72 out two by two.

From these and the many other examples cited in the book, it's clear that the number 2 speaks of being a faithful witness and someone set apart for God's purposes. **I believe we are entering an era where the difference between those who are true followers of Christ and all others will be so sharp and clear it cannot be denied or ignored.**

**20** – is associated with prayer and expecting God to do something big. It's also associated with the prophetic.

There are 20 dreams recorded in the Bible.  
There are 20 visions in the Bible.

For 20 years:  
Israel waited for deliverance through Samson.  
The Ark of the Covenant waited at Kiriath-jearim.  
Solomon waited for the completion of the temple and his house.  
Jeremiah prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem.

As Troy Brewer puts it, 20 seems to have to do with a person of God having the "inside scoop" and waiting for it.

**I believe we are entering an era where many things we heard prophetically, that we have believed and waited for, will begin to manifest.**

The phrase I heard concerning 2022 was *triple* double, so let's add the number 3 into this mix.

**3** – illustrates fullness and being complete. It represents resurrection and is the number God stamps on divinity.

Because there are so many examples of this in scripture, I suggest you get the book and read it for yourself.

My takeaway on it is this: **I believe we are entering an era where the fullness of God's power though us will become the norm instead of an occasional experience.**

Finally, the fact that we see *three* 2s in 2022 also has significance. Troy writes that it represents God reaching out to us, inviting us to go after what He is saying so our lives can be transformed to match His heart for us. It illustrates the total completeness of what the number 2 represents.

So how does all this relate to the triple double we see in the game of basketball?

Here's what I believe each statistic represents prophetically for us:

### **Points**

I believe we score "points" when the heart of the Father manifests through us and His will is done here on earth as it is in heaven. Each of us (and the team we serve with) is charged with carrying out some aspect of God's will here on earth, seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness. One of the greatest challenges the body of Christ has *failed* to overcome is the lie that God's will is identical for all of us. Only in one aspect is this true: Christ likeness. We are all being conformed to the image of Jesus, to the degree we obey and cooperate with that process. But within that sphere each of us is given certain specifics of His will to fulfill. This necessarily leads to different paths and methods of accomplishing His will. But instead of embracing and supporting this diversity and creativity, many in the church have sadly chosen to divide and judge others who are "different" in their practice and expression of faith. We have thus rejected the synergy of teams coming together to share their respective expertise so as to accomplish greater things than any one team ever could on their own.

Please note: I am intentionally avoiding here any attempt to connect points to the *number of people* we reach. While the number of salvations, disciples, ministries, etc. can be important, I believe the Father measures success by the degree to which real transformation happens. The establishment of His Kingdom in and through us causes significant change in so many areas that to limit "points" to numbers of people is just wrong, in my view.

What should be our goal? Nothing less than all Jesus did while here on earth... and more. **It's the "and more" (the greater things Jesus prophesied of in John 14:12) that we will experience in this new era of Kingdom advancement.**

What could that look like? When different teams and different streams begin to synergistically connect in true functional unity, it will result in the greatest demonstration of God's power and presence since the day of Pentecost.

**I believe the Lord is saying that we *must* remain open to His leading as He connects our team with others, and to pray specifically for these connections to happen quickly.**

Because "scoring points" is the very purpose of playing basketball, it is also *the primary goal for every team* no matter what their particular calling involves. We are all tasked with bringing Kingdom transformation into every life and into every arena of society.

**Since the number 2 represents being a faithful witness, I believe 2022 will see an exponential increase of our influence in this world as we display Kingdom authority and power each and every day.**

**Response Vector:**

How would you like to see this develop and manifest for yourself and the team you serve with? Write a description and begin praying it.

**Assists**

An “assist” happens when we get the ball and immediately pass it on to someone else, who then successfully scores. In the body of Christ I believe this represents our constant need to give and receive encouragement to/from one another.

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Hebrews 3:13)

**We are about to receive a major upgrade in our ability to put others first:**

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; (Romans 12:10)

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; (Philippians 2:3)

Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. (Romans 15:1-2)

Without a doubt one of the greatest failures of the body of Christ has been our lack of love for one another. Because of this, too much of the world remains unconvinced of the reality of His presence and Kingdom in our lives (John 13:35).

**Therefore we will see a baptism of His love released upon us, to radically conform our hearts to His.**

Discipleship is a family affair, not solely the responsibility of titled leaders, so all of us need to get in the game of supporting and encouraging each other in our growth process.

**Response Vector:**

Ask the Lord to show you who you can immediately begin serving in this way. Also ask Him who you should invite into your personal inner circle to do likewise for you.

**Rebounds**

When someone tries to score and misses slightly, the ball bounces back off the hoop or backboard and is now up for grabs. Many times the player who missed scoring gets their own rebound for another try,

other times another player catches the ball and can pass it on for an assist or take the shot themselves. Either way a miss *always* has the potential to end well, with a score.

For us, the idea of a “rebound” speaks of the fact that we’re all imperfect. We all “miss the mark” daily (which is the literal definition of the Greek word for sin in the New Testament): “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23).

The amazing good news is that “there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1) Our heavenly Father does not judge or condemn us according to our performance, because He has chosen to make us as righteous as Jesus (see 2 Corinthians 5:21).

Sadly however, mistakes, errors, and sins are not viewed in this light by most of the Church. Instead, people who struggle to live according to their new nature in Christ are treated as if they have some sort of communicable disease. They are punished by public shaming and forced quarantine where their involvement in the life and fellowship of the body of Christ is severely limited.

This directly contradicts the example of Jesus, who sought after sinners, and also the admonition of Paul who wrote:

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:1-2)

**There is a major shift coming (which is already happening in some circles), away from a punishment culture to a restoration culture.** This will accelerate in the months ahead, with many more teams actively engaged in coming alongside those who are struggling, to work with them in restoring their true identity as sons & daughters of God.

**Response Vector:**

How do you view the sinners among us? Are you more a Pharisee judging from afar, or are you a hands-on restorer and healer?

It was prophesied of Jesus, "A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice." (Isaiah 42:3)

The justice of God here demands that people receive all that Jesus paid for by His blood:

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord." And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:16-21)

**Response Vector:**

What will you do differently going forward, to more actively engage in this crucial aspect of the Kingdom?

### **Steals and Blocks**

These two areas speak of the spiritual warfare we deal with in our lives and in the lives of those we are called to serve.

We know that the enemy is the thief who “comes only to steal and kill and destroy.” (John 10:10) In the gospels we see Jesus demonstrating a 100% effectiveness at taking back every person stolen by the enemy, who came to Him for help.

In the same way we do this through evangelism, sharing the good news which is “the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16)

**In this new era we will not “be ashamed of the gospel,”** as far too many in previous generations have been. We won’t be ashamed because our proclamation of the good news will be accompanied by signs, wonders and miracles. (Mark 16:15-18)

**The Church will be turned inside out,** with equal or greater emphasis on ministry/outreach to people outside the four walls than the usual activities typically associated with church gatherings.

**We will truly become the “ekklesia” Jesus envisioned, unafraid to confront the evils of our day with Christ’s authority and Heaven’s strategies that will break down the very gates of hell surrounding our cities and regions, till every person can experience the reality of God’s Kingdom and choose to come home to Papa God. (Matthew 6:10; 16:18-19)**

Finally, to “block” the enemy’s shot is the equivalent of cancelling or annulling his schemes and plans for a person or a place.

**Our intercessory anointing and skill set is about to go to another level, where our declarations and decrees manifest the very presence and power of God, just as the early church experienced:**

And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31)

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. (Acts 16:25-26)

**The contrast between light and darkness is about to become so glaring people will either fall to their knees in repentance or flee from His presence.**

Response Vector: How should we respond to this word and prepare?

For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? (1 Peter 4:17)

According to Vine's Expository Dictionary, the Greek word for "judgment" here is best understood to mean, "the process of judgment leading to a decision." This is *not* about God punishing us (as much as we may deserve it), but rather about the goal of humbling ourselves before Him in order to hear what changes He wants to make in both our individual lives and in the Church. Whatever change He reveals is to be met with immediate obedience because we have determined in advance to agree with Him and implement the change He requires of us.

Jesus used the analogy of a new wine skin to describe the nature of His church (Mark 2:22), and the quintessential characteristic of this vessel is its flexibility. In my years of foreign missions trips, I quickly learned there is an 11<sup>th</sup> commandment: Thou shalt be flexible! Why? Because things rarely go as smoothly as desired, no matter how well planned.

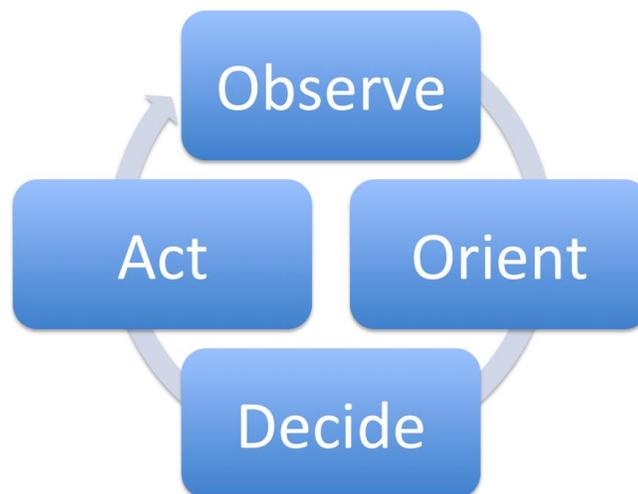
Remaining flexible and embracing change is foundational to our participation in the new era we are entering. I think we all know how to pray and seek Him concerning these things, but what does it look like on a practical level?

I propose we need to take a serious look at a learning process developed by one of the greatest military strategists of our generation: Lt. Col. John Boyd.

"He who can handle the quickest rate of change survives." Lt. Colonel John Boyd

John Boyd's greatest contribution to military strategy (and life in general) was the development of the OODA Loop.

OODA is an acronym that stands for Observe, Orient, Decide, Act.



## OODA Loop

This is a process every one of us does every day without even realizing it. For example:

1. I observe that I'm hungry.
2. I orient by remembering there are cold cuts and other sandwich fixings in my refrigerator.
3. I decide to make myself a ham sandwich.
4. I act by opening the fridge, getting out everything I need, making a sandwich, and finally sitting down to enjoy eating it.

While this may seem to you to be ridiculously obvious, it is nonetheless crucial to our ability to navigate change successfully, especially the scope of changes about to impact us and the church.

Boyd's research led him to conclude that the key to success in an uncertain world was not based on *what* we believe, but rather on our ability to rapidly *change* our beliefs to accommodate a rapidly changing environment or situation.

Am I suggesting here that this kind of "belief change" involves our core doctrines of the faith? Absolutely not! But ask yourself this: In what ways has your theology evolved since you were first saved? For the vast majority of us, we continually correct and amend our beliefs over time because of new information/revelation we receive from Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

**In this new era, our greatest challenge is also our most ancient flaw:** the tendency to think we have things all figured out. After all, aren't we grown, mature adults who have learned how to do this thing called life (or ministry, or fill in the blank \_\_\_\_\_)? How interesting then to be brought up short by these words of Jesus:

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. *Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*" (Matthew 18:1-4, emphasis mine)

Apparently His view of greatness is wildly out of sync with ours. Yet to ignore what He values in our relationship with Him is to all but guarantee we will be left out of the greatest season of transformation the world will ever know. In our "maturity" we must never abandon our childlike trust in and obedience to what He says.

So how can the OODA Loop serve to help us stay focused on learning and adapting to the great changes coming our way?

## Observe

In the secular arena this phase is all about gathering information and carefully analyzing the problem or challenge we are facing. In the Kingdom of God however, this approach often doesn't work because we usually focus on external issues such as attendance numbers, finances, building programs, etc. As mentioned before, Father God measures success within the realm of transformation.

Instead, I believe we are called to function at the same level of observation as Jesus:

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel." (John 5:19-20)

If the only perfect Man ever to walk the face of this earth since Adam needed this level of communication with Father God, how much more do we?

Other scriptures that highlight this reality are Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 40:31; Proverbs 3:5-6.

**If our ministry is not producing fruit (as evidenced by real transformation of lives and, by extension, the world), I suggest it is because we are looking at a source other than the Trinity for our information and analysis.**

Does this mean we should totally avoid news reports or other commentary? Not at all. But given the preponderance of "fake news" and outright false narratives brazenly published every day, it is surely wisdom to limit our exposure to these sources, and to seek Father God's perspective on current events. Even Christian sources such as authors, speakers, ministries, etc. should be vetted for us by the Lord. Not because there may be something wrong with what they share, but rather because their perspective and practices may not align with His purposes for us. He alone has the right to determine our associations and connections, because He alone knows what we need at this present time to empower our growth into fully mature sons & daughters.

**In this new era I believe we will need to remain humble and child-like in order to see and hear what He wants us to know, what He wants us to do, and how He wants us to do it.**

### **Response Vector**

How familiar are you with the various ways the Lord communicates with us? In addition to His Word, here's a short list for your consideration: "random" thoughts, mental images, visions, dreams, song lyrics, His audible voice, body impressions, flashback memories, inner witness/discernment, spiritual senses and probably others I haven't thought of.

What will you do going forward to increase your personal level of experience with some (or all) of these, in order to be more fully equipped to receive His revelation?

### **Orient**

We humans love it when life is predictable. We really don't like change because it threatens our sense of control over the circumstances of our life. I think this is the main reason why the early church devolved from organic family relationships and doing life together into a static liturgical format where each week is carefully planned and executed. And lest my fellow charismatic brethren think we are free from all that, if we're honest we have to admit that our Sunday meetings are pretty tightly formatted too. Anything we plan makes us feel secure because we know what to expect and what comes next.

Father God knew we would need this kind of security so He established natural laws like gravity that are so constant we can just take them for granted. But as scientists have delved deeper and deeper into the sub-atomic world of quantum physics, they've discovered something very curious: things in that realm are not so measurable or predictable. The "Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle" states that we can never accurately measure the position and momentum of these quantum particles at any time. Evidently, *uncertainty* is woven into the very fabric of our existence.

Why would Father God create a universe rooted in a paradox of established laws and also uncertainty?

One word: Faith. Faith and trust are foundational to any relationship, especially one with an invisible almighty Creator. As the writer of Hebrews declares, without faith it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6). It is just that important to Him that we trust Him. But if we possessed all the answers to everything all the time, what need would there be for us to trust Him and believe He can and will lead, provide, and bless us? It is precisely our lack of answers and our inability to know exactly how the future will unfold that requires we remain humble and teachable at every turn.

In John Boyd's view, our need to orient is the key to success in an uncertain world. He discovered that orientation is the ability to *rapidly change our beliefs* concerning *what* we should do and *how* we should do it.

This sounds an awful lot like repentance, doesn't it? As you probably know, the Greek word for "repent" in the New Testament means "to change one's mind," and subsequently change direction. We have traditionally seen this as primarily leading to salvation, but in truth it is a lifelong practice of remaining willing to change our beliefs when confronted by the Lord:

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. (Revelation 3:19)

**We are now in a time where this characteristic must become a non-negotiable value.** Doing things as we've always done them will no longer be either acceptable or fruitful. For many of us it is time to repent from our lack of repentance (mind change).

### **Response Vector**

One way to begin this process would be to take everything you are currently doing in both life and ministry and lay it before the Lord. Embrace an attitude that says, "I am willing to release all of this to You, because I trust You to show me what, if anything, You want me to retain stewardship over."

Once you get clarity on what your focus looks like going forward, the next step is to ask Him how He wants you to actually do those things. This requires an attitude of laying down *what we think we know* about how to do life and ministry.

Many years ago I went through a severe trial that was brought about by my own arrogance and pride. A haughty spirit does indeed lead to a painful fall (Proverbs 16:18). What saved me was the love and kindness of a spiritual father who accepted me and walked with me, along with a book that changed my perspective forever. *The Three Battlegrounds* by Francis Frangipane contains the following quote:

For all that we think we know, we must also know this, we can be wrong.

To walk in anything less is to invite deception. If I can't even admit to the possibility that I may be wrong about something means I am unteachable, and will most certainly be led down the primrose path to destruction, all because I thought I knew best.

As you can see, I'm really taking my time to cover this aspect of the OODA Loop. I truly believe that many of our time-honored and cherished traditions and practices are about to be challenged by the Lord Jesus, in His quest to prepare His bride for His arrival.

**Will we be quick to change our ways based on what He reveals**, or will we stubbornly cling to our old familiar ways and end up consigned to the dustbin of church history?

## **Decide**

To begin this stage it is helpful to review the exact changes the Lord is revealing. Can you write them down with some level of detail? If not, you need to spend more time hearing and seeing what He is saying to you, until you can write them down.

For groups or organizations, the decision stage may require a series of meetings or discussions to adjust your strategy and direction, based on the new orientation.

I think all of us can agree that we were created with free will. Adam & Eve's one choice that changed the course of human history for thousands of years is proof enough. So it should be no surprise that here today we are dealing with the same kind of freedom to either choose our ways or God's.

For those of us who have done our due diligence to observe and orient to what He is saying, there should be no question as to our response at this stage: a resounding "Yes, Lord!" But is this always the case?

The rich young ruler couldn't make the leap and give up his riches, John Mark couldn't press on with Paul and Barnabas, Peter was all too ready to return to his fishing business, and even Jesus Himself was faced with the necessity of choosing Father's will, as painful as that was, in the Garden of Gethsemane.

So we too, when confronted with the need to make an actual choice, and decide to obey what He is telling us, can find it difficult to do so.

In my experience, the root issue behind this has everything to do with how much I truly trust Him with my whole life. Any doubts I have about His love, provision, and plans for my life will show up right here and cause me to hesitate.

## **Response Vector**

If we haven't already determined that we will say yes to anything and everything He says, why not?

Sometimes we can discern the lies behind our lack of trust in Him and take action to renounce them and replace them with the truth that sets free. In many more cases, however, we will need some help to identify and deal with the lies binding us.

What help will you pursue in order to become free and fully enabled to say yes to all Father God is saying and will say to you in this new era?

How will you lead those you serve in a group or organization into the freedom they need to be fully surrendered to His will? How will you respond to any who refuse to move forward? What kind of help will you seek if all this seems overwhelming?

## Act

One of the fascinating phenomena many of us are familiar with in the church environment is what I call "bureaucratic accomplishments." We establish committees and schedule meetings to discuss (and even pray about) important issues facing our organization. And after all the discussion and/or prayer, we really feel like we accomplished something...even though nothing was actually *done* to begin dealing with the issue. In our minds, the mere fact that we met and talked about it qualifies as an accomplishment, so we feel satisfied. And this situation can continue for months or even years.

Don't do that. Faith without works is dead (James 2:17)

God's directives to us, both personally and corporately, are never to be discussed like that or even prayed about. We simply act on it and do what He is telling us to do. Obviously if we're unclear about how to do something we can ask for clarity.

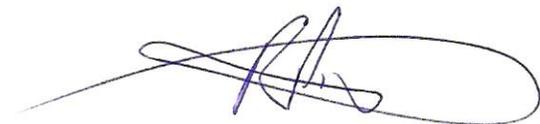
Jesus had some pretty direct, no-nonsense words for those whose personal "priorities" served to justify their procrastination:

And He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God." Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:59-62)

**This new era will be one of massive Spirit-led action;** even as was prophesied by Daniel, "the people who know their God will display strength and take action." (11:32b)

**May it be so Father God,** that we your children will stand ready to follow Your lead into this new era and once again be a generation of whom it can be said, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too." (Acts 17:6b)

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