



Just Step Out

Exploring the Wild Frontier of Faith

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Reading the Terms & Conditions

Genesis 17:1-14, 22-27

Introduction: Have you ever agreed to something without understanding the full implications of that agreement?

The Wake-Up Call

⇒ You have a new BOSS. (Genesis 17:1-3a)

⇒ You have a new IDENTITY. (Genesis 17:3b-8)

⇒ You have a new OBLIGATION. (Genesis 17:9-14)

- You will pay a PRICE.
- You will STAND out.
- You will be held ACCOUNTABLE.

The Response (Genesis 17:22-27)

⇒ Immediate OBEDIENCE.

Conclusion: Abraham responded to his wake-up call by doubling down on his faith and declaring he was "all in".

How will you respond to the wake-up call God has in mind for YOU?

FIRST BAPTIST HORSEHEADS

LIFE GROUPS



Debrief Plan: 3/10/2019

Icebreakers:

1. What is something that you've signed up for online or purchased that you later regretted agreeing to?
2. Describe something that happened to you that genuinely shocked you.

Sermon Summary: It's easy to get into a relationship with God without realizing the implications of that decision. We forget that we now have a new boss, a whole new identity, and a brand-new set of obligations to keep. That moment of realization often is the moment of truth in our relationship with God – will we go forward or run away?

Discussion Questions:

* The Wake-Up Call

1. WHY do you think we tend to skip past the terms and conditions and just jump into commitments without thinking through the implications?
2. Does thinking of God as your "Boss" have positive or negative connotations? Explain your answer.
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. What do you think it means to "no longer live for yourself, but for Him who died and was raised for you"? How might this idea be misunderstood and misapplied?
4. Who do we often look to for guidance in figuring out who we are? Describe how this can go well and how this can also go horribly wrong.
5. What's a label that you've hung on yourself (or someone else has hung on you) during your lifetime? How has that label affected your actions?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. If it's true that God has made us a new creation, how are we supposed to be different from the person we were before we knew Jesus, and how are we supposed to be the same?
7. Read John 13:34-35 & 15:8. If we take seriously our responsibility to love people the way Jesus did, then what price will we have to pay? How will we stand out from those around us? How will God hold us accountable?
8. Read Hebrews 12:5-11. Have you ever experienced God's discipline? What did it look like for you? Can you give testimony to the truth of this passage?

* The Response

9. Does obedience have to be immediate to please God? Why or why not?
10. What step of immediate obedience might God be asking you to take today?