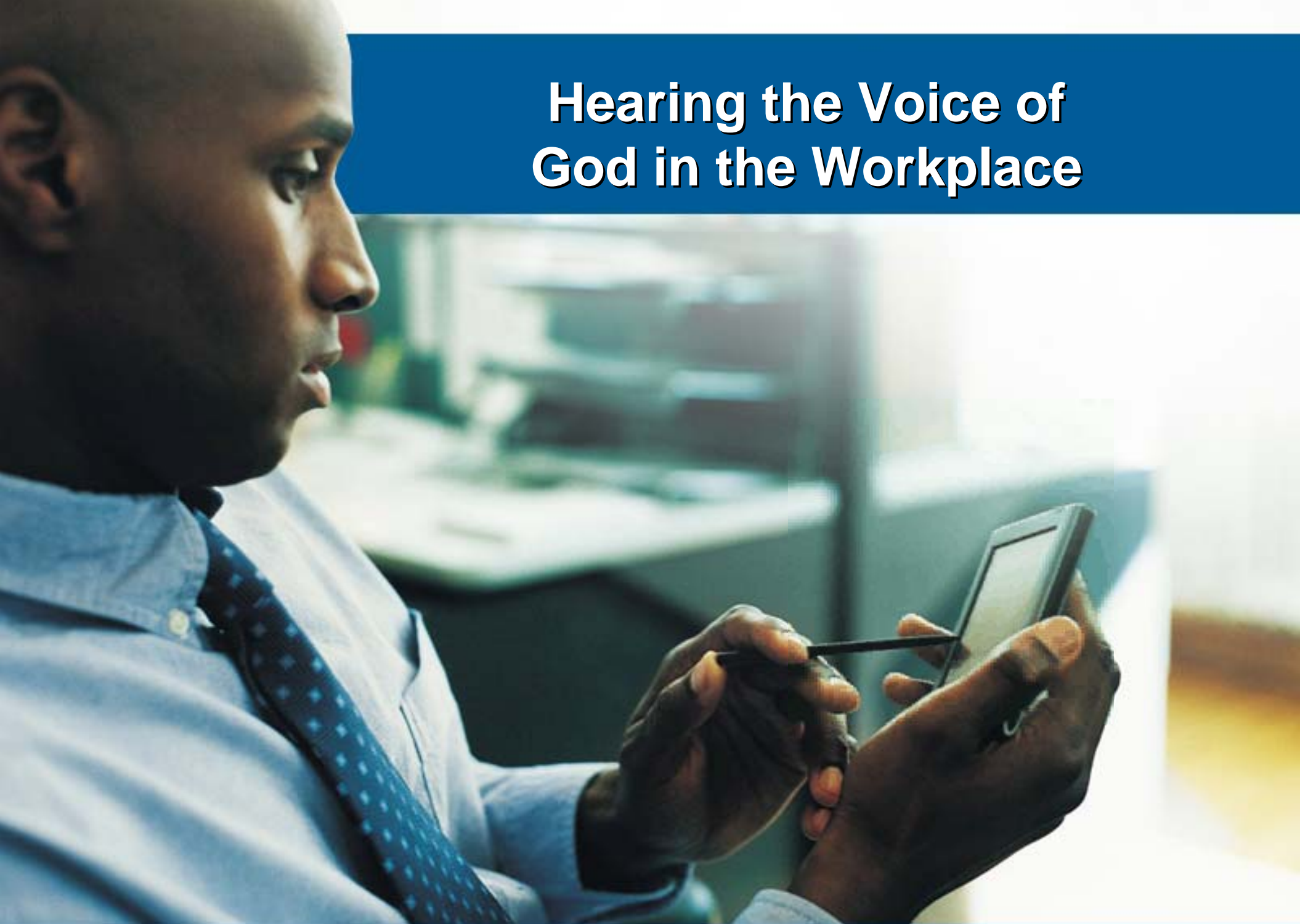


Hearing the Voice of God in the Workplace



2. Ethics/Integrity

Ps 51 "Truth in the inward parts..."

Spiritual Homerun

4 Attributes of a Work Life Minister

Daniel 6

"So distinguished himself ..."
Dan. 6:1

3. Extravagant
Love/Service

*"Whoever wants
to become great
among you..." Mt.
20:27*

Ship captain

*"Apostles
performed
many
miraculous
signs and
wonders..."
Acts 5:12*

4. Signs &
Wonders

1. Excellence

God's
Call

worker

Gospel of the Kingdom!

Hearing God Daily



- **Power cord, airlines (Holy Spirit)**
- **Woman in the parking lot “Higher Education” (Word of Knowledge)**
- **Transformation Atlanta meeting (prophetic word)**
- **Trip to Uganda (relational accountability)**

Ways God Speaks

Word of God – Logos & Rhema

Ps 119:105 *“Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”*

“He calls his own sheep by name... Jn 10:2

*“My sheep hear his **word**?” ...voice*

“Revelation that doesn’t lead to a God encounter only serves to make me more religious.” - Bill Johnson, *When Heaven Invades Earth*, p. 94




Dr. Billy Graham



“Ninety-five percent of today’s Church activities would continue if the Holy Spirit were removed from us.

In the early church, nine-five percent of all her activities would have stopped if the Holy Spirit were removed.”

Ways God Speaks



Audible Voice 1Sam. 3:4,5 – Samuel
Gen. 4 - Moses at the burning bush

Inner Voice – pictures, thoughts, “knowing”

John 14:21-22

- He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and **manifest Myself to him.**"

Ways God Speaks



Angels, Visions, Dreams Gen 15,16; 28:10

“After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision”. - 15:1

Relational Accountability - - Eph 5:21 – “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Prayer - James 5:16 “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

Authority Figures - Rom 13:1-3 – “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities,

Ways God Speaks

Words of Knowledge

1 Cor 12:8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit. .

- **Prophecy** - 1 Cor 14:1-2 – “Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.”
“You can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. 1 Cor 14:31-32

Circumstances

- Paul on the road to Damascus –divine setups
- Angie - Staines- Place of Stones
- Vail, Co – chairlift
- First leaders conference



Ways God Speaks Personal Examples



Audible Voice 1Sam. 3:4,5 – mother

Prophecy, Words of Knowledge – 1Cor 12:8; Amos 3:7

Ron – take your wife on vacation

Charis story

“Give her \$1000” - NYC

Angie

“You are called to the mission field, but it is not what you think.”

First meeting w/Johnny Enlow: “You are to invite him to be on your board.”

Ways God Speaks



Angels, Visions, Dreams Gen 15,16,; 28:10

- 1994 dream speaking in front of large group
- Nephew – bulldozers

Relational Accountability – House story “I don’t have peace about this house.”

Prayer/Prophetic Intercessor– 40 Day Fast. “God is not going to raise up the magazine. He is going to raise up something almost insignificant in your eyes.”

Beware of unusual circumstances



Man on airplane – Gunnar Olson

- upgrade to first class

California fires

“Give each of your employees \$1000” – Dr. Victor Eagan



- **Be aware when a thought appears that is not something you would normally think**
- **God instructs us to do foolish things to test our obedience**

Ways God Speaks



Authority Figures – Rom 13:1 Angie's dad

Circumstances

- Cypress
- “Omar”
- “Ostrich”

We Must Be Willing to Look Foolish

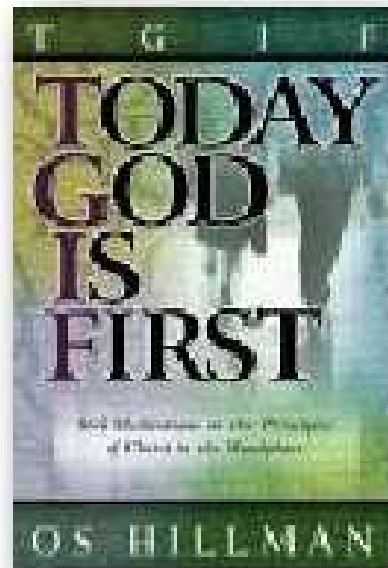


“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-and the things that are not-to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.” 1 Cor 1:27-30

Faith = R I S K

- Jericho – “Walk around 7 times”
- Coin in fishes mouth

“Speak to the books.”



"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:22-25

Differences between men and women



- **Men** – compartmentalized – i.e. hallway with rooms, less verbal
church argument
- **Women** – like a washing machine – all jumbled up. More verbal, more in tune with right side of brain.
- Beth Alves' husband story

How we hear



A Practical Exercise – Close your eyes.

Tell me what you see

- Orange
- Tree
- Driving to a destination
 - We often see pictures versus “words” or “hear”
- Learn to associate pictures or physical signs to God’s activity

Hearing God in Workplace Situations



5 Points – Emeka Nwankpa

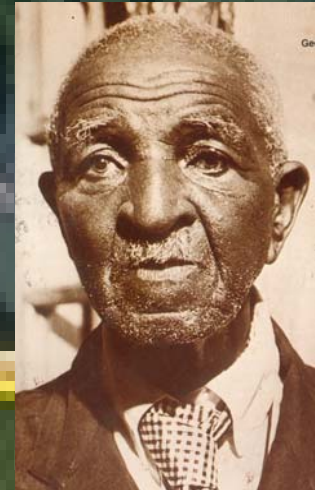




Uriah?

“Why the Peanut?”

- 300 marketable products invented from the peanut.
- 100 marketable products from the sweet potato



George Washington Carver

1861 - 1943

Combining Skill with Holy Spirit Directives

- Bread in the Ukraine
- Orphans in Thailand



Intercessors



Working With Intercessors

- Singapore “Donkeys”

3 types of prayer/intercession

- Jesus – Peter, James, & John
 - Key Intercessors – 1-3

12 Disciples

- Secondary -10-15
- Pray-ers -1,200

Key: *Confirm* versus *define* direction
God is Raising up intercessor




Case Study

Obedience-based Decisions vs Outcome-based Decisions



Dr. Victor Eagan is an orthodontist in Detroit, Michigan. The Lord prompted him that He was to begin a bible study on Monday mornings. They announced the Bible study and invited friends and associates. Monday came and he and his fellow dentist friend showed up for the meeting. No one showed up at the appointed time. What would you advise Dr. Eagan to do?



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- A vertical strip on the left side of the slide shows a close-up of a person's face, looking down at a smartphone they are holding. The person's hand is visible at the bottom, holding the phone. The background of the strip is blurred.
- ☐ **Postpone to the following week**
 - ☐ **Wait a few minutes and see if someone shows up**
 - ☐ **Conclude that they had not heard God and forget about the idea**
 - ☐ **Begin the Bible study anyway to an empty room**

Jeremiah Lanphier - first person 35 minutes late

Becoming A Romans 8:14 Christian



“Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation-but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.” Rom 8:12-15

- Are we led by God, or our intellect only?

Case Study




A missionary began a bible school. He noticed things began disappearing. He discovered that his cook and maid were stealing from the school. What should he do?

What Should He Do?



- ☐ Confront the issue
- ☐ Forget about it
- ☐ Fire them.
- ☐ Other

Oswald Chambers




“I asked God to deal with the situation. They eventually found out that I knew they were stealing. They came and confessed. When they realized I knew, they were profoundly affected by the fact I did not fire them. They both prayed to receive Christ.”

Does this mean we should follow this example?

Only if God tells you to!

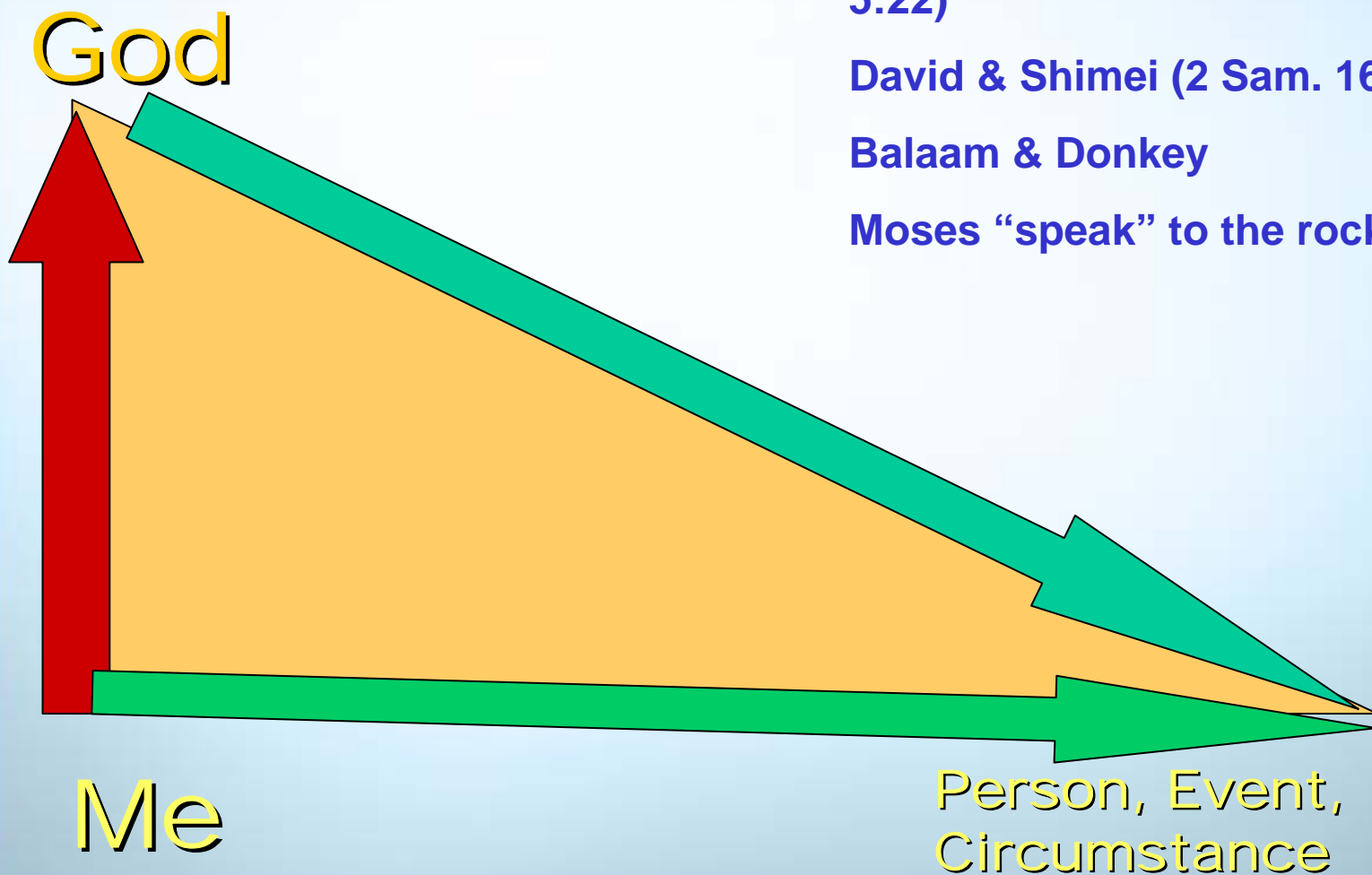
Why could Oswald trust the situation to God?

Requirements

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- A pure heart
 - No unconfessed sin
 - His timing, not ours
 - Trustworthy – stewardship
 - Act – obedience in faith – **r i s k**

Sometimes it requires a great deal of preparation to get us to this place.

Maintaining A Vertical Dimension With God in Dealing With Problems



David & The Balsam Trees (2 Sam. 5:22)

David & Shimei (2 Sam. 16:5-14)

Balaam & Donkey

Moses "speak" to the rock

Biblical Triangle Examples



Vertical Examples

- **David & Goliath**
- **David & Saul**
- **Peter - walking on water**

Horizontal Examples

- **Saul & David**
- **Abraham & Sarah(Ishmael)**
- **Jacob (Esau)**

The Word says...



- Ps 32:8: **“I will instruct you** and teach you in the way which you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”
- Isa 45:2
“I will go before you and **make the crooked places straight.**”
- Ps 37:34: “Wait for the Lord, and keep His way, and **He will exalt you to inherit the land.**”

Strategy from God




- **David** - received plans for the temple –
1 Chronicles 28:12
- **Peter** - was told by Jesus to cast his line on the other side of the boat – he caught 157 fish.
- **Jacob** – received a dream to allow him to fund his family business and leave the employment of Laban. – Genesis 31:11-13
- **David** – was given specific instructions to attack the Philistines only after he heard the marching in the balsam trees. – 2 Sam. 5:22

--Strategy from God



- **Joseph** - received a dream and the interpretation, which allowed him to become the ruler of Egypt under Pharaoh.
- **Moses** - was told the way to get water for the people was to speak to the rock. – Exodus 17:6
- **Noah** – God gave him specific dimensions of the ark to build.- Gen 6:14-17
- **Joshua** – was told to walk around the wall at Jericho for seven times to gain victory
- **Daniel** – Received the interpretation of the king's dream that saved the life of another person and advanced his career.

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Q and A

