



So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen
2 Corinthians 4:18

We live by faith not by sight
2 Corinthians 5:7

It's What Jesus Did

'I only speak what I hear the Father saying, I only do what I see the Father doing'
John 5:19

'I do exactly what my Father commands me to do'.. John 14:31

HOW?

'Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts'
Mark 2:8

DISCERNMENT

UNDERSTANDING

- REVELATION
- INTERPRETATION
- APPLICATION

BE SPECIFIC!

▶ So they **enquired** further of the Lord, 'has the man come here yet?' And the Lord said 'yes he has hidden himself among the baggage.'

▶ 1 Samuel 10:22

BE SPECIFIC!

▶ When David was told, 'Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are looting the threshing floors,' **he inquired** of the Lord, saying, 'Shall I go and attack these Philistines?' The Lord answered him, 'Go, attack the Philistines and save Keilah.' But David's men said to him, 'Here in Judah we are afraid. How much more, then, if we go to Keilah against the Philistine forces!' Once again **David enquired of the Lord**, and the Lord answered him, 'Go down to Keilah, for I am going to give the Philistines into your hand.' So David and his men went to Keilah, fought the Philistines and carried off their livestock. He inflicted heavy losses on the Philistines and saved the people of Keilah.

▶ 1 Samuel 23:1-6

BE SPECIFIC!

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, 'Ananias!' 'Yes, Lord,' he answered. The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.'

Acts 9:10-12

ENABLING and INHIBITING

RESPONSE

Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves me, **he will obey my teaching**. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.'

John 14:23-24

If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:10-11

SUMMARY

- ▶ God's will is established, most of the time, in collaboration with the will and agreement of his people.
- ▶ How can we be obedient or intimate if we do not seek for and believe for his specific revelation and direction?

PRACTICE

make it real!!!



HEARING GOD'S VOICE