

OPENING THE DOOR TO GOD

Part 6: The Value Of God's Words and Ways

Revelation 3:20 (NKJV) Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

THE DOOR TO CHANGE

- ❖ The value of obeying God's words and ways
 - ◆ Jesus gave some unusual instructions
 - Fill the water pots made no sense
 - The servants had the opportunity to balk
 - Instructions were to fill them - involved effort
 - ◆ Taking the water to the wedding coordinator was not easy
 - They had to be battling with their senses
 - Involved a certain level of risk
 - Without their involvement this miracle does not take place
 - ◆ God's words and ways do not always appeal to the senses
 - Sowing seeds of money and time (**Galatians 6:7 NKJV**)
 - Words have power (**Mark 11:22-24 NKJV**)
 - Believe it before you see it
 - ◆ There is a level of risk in doing things God's way
 - Why we are encouraged to walk by faith (**2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV**)
 - It can rage against our senses - called the fight of faith
 - But this is how we please God (**Hebrews 11:6 NKJV**)
 - He is able to do amazing changes - We do our part, He does what we can not do

SERIES TAKEAWAYS

- ❖ Jesus in His hometown
 - ◆ Honor or offense
- ❖ The foreign widow
 - ◆ Obeying God's word opens the door to amazing things that God can do
 - ◆ Honored Elijah as a man of God
 - ◆ Was willing to resist the fears she faced and put God first
- ❖ Another foreigner Naaman
 - ◆ A heart that is willing to believe and willing to adjust opens the door to God
 - ◆ He was willing to believe the voice of a servant girl
 - ◆ He honored Elisha by coming with an offering
 - ◆ He made an adjustment when God did not do things the way he expected
- ❖ Peter
 - ◆ Choosing to obey God opens the door to His power in your life
 - ◆ Peter was asked to help - not convenient or glamorous but he was willing
 - ◆ Jesus did not ask Peter to do something and then ignore Peter - He wanted to bless Peter
 - ◆ Peter chose to obey Jesus when his head argued against it - huge blessings were the result