

Sermon Summary: Are you praying for clarity on a decision in your life? Pastor Jabin Chavez preaches about the role of faith in how we see our lives and in the decisions that we make. Maybe the reason you can't tell what's next is that God is inviting you into something you haven't seen before.

Sermon Highlights

- God is inviting you into something you've never seen before.
- Sometimes, we end up not taking a step because we're praying for clarity, but we need to be praying for the courage to obey.
- Faith requires movement before manifestation.
- Faith Knows - Everything God does begins in the unseen.
- Don't give up on the word God spoke to you. The Word is working.
- Faith Doesn't Know - Faith goes without knowing.
- I know God can, and I know He will, but I don't know how.
- Faith Goes - What is faith asking me to do? Do it and don't be scared to obey God.
- The devil will convince you that obedience is a risk, but it's never a risk to obey God.
- Every act of obedience to God leads to better.
- You've outgrown that. It was good for you in one season, but it's time to go.
- If I'm willing to go without knowing, that's where the blessing is.
- The longer you walk with God, it gets brighter and brighter. (See Psalm 119:105)

Scriptures

- **Hebrews 11:8: 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.**
- **2 Corinthians 5:7: 6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight.**
- Matthew 4:4: 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- **Hebrews 11:3: 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.**
- Colossians 1:16: 15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.
- 1 Peter 1:23: 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.
- **Psalm 119:105: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. 106 I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.**
- **Proverbs 4:18: The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.**

Sermon Discussion

- **"Every act of obedience to God leads to better." Share a time in your life when obedience to God was difficult, but it led to something good.**

- **“You’ve outgrown that. It was good for you in one season, but it’s time to go.” Is there something in your life you’ve been holding on to, but God’s calling you to let go and move on? How do you think you can do that?**
- “The devil will convince you that obedience is a risk, but it’s never a risk to obey God.” Talk about a previous time or a current circumstance where you felt God calling you to do something, but you hesitated because it felt risky.
- **“Sometimes, we end up not taking a step because we’re praying for clarity, but we need to be praying for the courage to obey.” Where in your life do you need courage to obey?**

Go Deeper: Original Language. Pastor Jabin briefly mentioned the original Hebrew word for “lamp” in Psalm 119:105.

Let’s take a closer look:

- **“Lamp”** The original word is נֵר (nēr). It refers to a portable oil lamp used in ancient Israel. It wasn’t a bright torch that illuminated a great distance. Instead, it cast enough light to see the next few steps in front of you. Pastor Jabin said it was 4-5 lumens. It’s used throughout the Old Testament both literally and metaphorically.
 - Proverbs 6:23 – “For this command is a lamp...”
 - Proverbs 20:27 – “The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD...”
 - 2 Samuel 22:29 – “You are my lamp, O LORD...”
- **“Light”** The original word is אֹר (’ôr). It’s a symbol that represents guidance, which is a metaphor we see throughout Scripture. It includes different types of illumination, including daylight, the sun and stars, lightning, and lamps, but it also serves as an image for God’s moral law guiding believers.
- Exodus 13:21 – The same word is used to describe the fire that led the Israelites at night.
- Psalm 27:1 and Psalm 36:9 use the same word to describe God as light.
- The word is also used in the last Scripture Pastor Jabin referenced, Proverbs 4:18: “The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.”
- **God shines light on our path to guide us, making the pairing of “lamp” (nēr) and “light” (’ôr) in this verse effective. The lamp provides the physical means of illumination, while light represents God’s guidance itself. God’s Word doesn’t always reveal the entire journey. It provides enough light for the next step of obedience.**
- How does this information add depth to your understanding of this verse? And how does it change the impact of the sermon point: The longer you walk with God, it gets brighter and brighter.

Prayer Prompt: Lord, I pray for courage for each person in this group. Life is full of decisions and I pray that each of us will make those decisions with the lens of faith. I pray that you will reveal to each of us what that next little step is that we need to take, and that we will have the courage to obey, knowing that obedience to You always leads to better. Amen.

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Walking by Faith Without Knowing the Way

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Overview: Guest speaker Pastor Jabin Chavez (City Light Church, Las Vegas) preached at Elevation Church on Hebrews 11:8, centering on the line: “He went without knowing where he was going.” His core theme: “I know God can, and I know God will, but I don’t know how.” The service featured exuberant worship, gratitude for Jesus’ presence, honor for Pastors Steven and Holly Furtick, and concluded with a call to surrender, a salvation prayer, and public decisions for Christ.

Opening Worship, Gratitude, and Introduction

- Prayer exalting Jesus and thanking Him for His presence that brings healing, deliverance, forgiveness, and “the anointing that breaks every yoke of bondage,” invoking “where two or three gather.”
- Call to praise: reference to the one leper who returned to thank Jesus; challenge for at least “80%” of the room to lift gratitude.
- Honor for Pastors Steven and Holly: their words, songs, and books “got me through,” citing “The Blessing” (2020). Encouragement that “20 years in, we’re just getting started.”
- Miami visit testimony: moved by seeing the Furtick children minister—Abby leading worship, Graham preaching a “living room,” Elijah interviewing/teaching—celebrating the next generation.
- Scripture focus: Hebrews 11:8 read while standing.

Main Text and Thesis

- Hebrews 11:8 portrays Abraham’s faith steps, climaxing in “He went without knowing where he was going.”
- Believers are invited to “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). Contrast: eyesight (what is), regret (what could have been), and faith (what could be).
- Faith must get “in your feet” movement before manifestation, courage over the demand for clarity, confidence in God before details are revealed.
- Faith Knows (Word-Based Certainty)
- “Faith begins where the will of God is known” (F.F. Bosworth). Seek a word from God; one word can change a life. “Man shall not live by bread alone... but by every word from the mouth of God.”
- Hebrews 11:3: what is seen originated in the unseen. Examples: churches, marriages, families, businesses, and spiritual fire start as God-breathed vision before they are visible.
- Colossians 1:16: God made “visible and invisible” things—both are real to Him.
- Anecdote: At Walt Disney World’s 1971 opening, when told it was a shame Walt didn’t see it, Lillian Disney replied, “He did see it. That’s why we’re here,” illustrating unseen vision birthing visible reality.
- 1 Peter 1:23: the word is “incorruptible seed.” Even when not felt or remembered, Scripture works within.
- **Illustration: Death Valley (hottest, lowest U.S. point; hottest place in the world) can burst with wildflowers after rare rain—the dormant seeds picture God’s word coming to life “when the rain of the Spirit” falls. It may look dead, but it’s dormant.**
- **Observation: Faith can make you look like a fool at first and a genius later; “overnight successes” usually follow years of unseen obedience.**
- Faith Doesn’t Know (Limited Details, Step-by-Step) - Abraham’s model: obeyed without knowing. The “secret things belong to God”; if God showed everything, we might do nothing.
- “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet”: like a small hand-lamp (about 4–6 lumens), God often gives just enough light for the next step, not the next five years. “Though the vision tarries,” keep walking.
- **Personal story: Planting City Light Church in 2018—God showed the vision of impact and worshipers, but not COVID. If shown then, he jokes he might have tried to work at Elevation (calling “Chunks” about a janitor/facilities role). God didn’t lie; He led without overwhelming.**
- **Names of God with humor: Jehovah Jireh, Jehovah Rapha, Jehovah Nissi—and jokingly, “Jehovah Sneaky” for how God leads into growth-testing battles without revealing every turn.**
- Biblical training arc: Joseph’s dream didn’t include the pit, Potiphar’s house, or prison—13 years of “training for reigning.” Ezekiel’s valley of dry bones: “Lord, you know,” modeling humble trust.
- Faith Goes (Obedience and Surrender)
- Mary’s counsel at Cana: “Whatever he says to you, do it.” Obedience isn’t risk; it only feels risky.
- Practical obediences urged:
 - Start serving at church; begin giving financially.

- Forgive; make relationships right; make the call.
- Get married if you've been cohabiting long-term; start having children even if you "don't feel ready"; get water baptized.
- **Proverbs 4:18 promise: the path of the righteous gets "brighter and brighter," not darker and darker.**
- Goldie (daughter, 9; turning 10 in a couple of months) outgrowing toys/clothes: some things fit one season but hinder the next. We cling to "just-in-case" items; Jesus says new wine needs new wineskins—change feels like pain, but God offers a better exchange.
- Call to lay down comfort zones, bitterness, unforgiveness, and the illusion of control. Jesus' paradox: if you try to keep your life, you'll lose it; if you lose it for His sake, you keep it.

Ministry Moment and Response

- Congregational surrender: hands lifted, standing before God for an "exchange" of burdens, fear, and control.
- Worship: "O Come to the Altar" and "Oh what a Savior! Isn't He wonderful? Sing hallelujah! Christ is risen!"
- Salvation appeal: become a Christian or return to Jesus. Corporate prayer included, "Jesus, I believe in you... Jesus, be Lord, Savior of my life."
- Public declaration: raise hands on the count of three; assurance that it will feel like "a million pounds" lifted and a settled knowing of being God's child.
- Closing encouragement: If you gave your life to Jesus or came home, "welcome to the family of God... the best and most important decision."

Next Steps / Actions

- Seek and obey God's next step rather than waiting for full clarity; walk by faith "step-by-step."
- Immerse in Scripture daily; trust the "incorruptible seed" to work even when unfelt.
- Act on specific obediences mentioned: serve, give, forgive, reconcile, make needed calls, pursue marriage, start a family if led, and get water baptized.
- Surrender attachments from past seasons; embrace God's "new thing" and the brighter path ahead.
- Persevere: what looks dormant can bloom when God's rain falls; don't quit before you see what He spoke.

Sermon Transcript:

- **Opening Prayer: "You said that when two or three gather in your name, there you are with them. We thank you that the presence of Jesus is in this place today. We thank you that when your presence comes, healing comes. We thank you that where your presence is, there's deliverance, there's forgiveness. We thank you that where your presence is, there is the anointing that breaks every yoke of bondage. We exalt the name of Jesus today. Be lifted high in our midst, Lord. We love you. We honor you. And it's in your name we pray. Amen, amen.**
- Let's give God glory together. We're so blessed today in the presence of God as we get ready to hear God's word. We have Pastor Jabin Chavez from City Light Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, coming to bring the word. He's family here. He's preached here before. And what I love about Pastor Jabin is he loves the Lord. He loves the word of God and he loves the people of God. And I know God's given him something to bless us with today. Can you help me welcome at every location Pastor Jabin as he comes to minister to us today?
- Good morning. Good morning. Let's give Jesus one more massive thank you and praise. Did anybody come to have an encounter with the presence of the Lord today? I think we ought to just take a moment. The Bible says he inhabits the praises of his people. Can I get a worship leader on every row, on every location to just say thank you, God. You've been too good to me. You know, the Bible says that Jesus healed 10 men and one came back to say thank you.

And I've just always thought about that in church. I want to be, I want to be that guy that can take a moment at least once a week to come back and say, Lord, I remember you. I thank you. I'm grateful for you.

- I exalt you. I praise you. And so maybe if I could, and I think because I'm at elevation, it's not going to be one out of 10. It's not going to be 10%. I think we could at least get to 80% right now of praisers in the room to give God a shout. to give God a thank you, Jesus. Oh, come on, at every location, let's praise him with a loud voice. Thank you. God, thank you. Hey, worthy is your name. Hallelujah. And Lord, we do thank you.
- We come into your house with grateful hearts today, ready to receive everything you have for us. And we bless that name, Jesus. Jesus name. Heal your people today. Strengthen your people today. Feed your sheep today. Holy Spirit, have your way. We're expected right now. For a fresh touch from heaven. In the name of Jesus. Come on and everybody said amen. Amen. And amen. Just quickly turn in your Bibles while you're standing.
- We're going to look at one passage of Scripture, Hebrews chapter 11. Hebrews chapter 11 and verse 8. I bring greetings from Las Vegas, Nevada. How many come at least once a year on your mission trip? Amen. Let me see your amen. Praise the Lord. Praise God. Thank you. So grateful for so many of you that when you do come, you come into church and you come say hi to us over at City Light. We're so grateful for that. While you're turning to Hebrews 11, I just want to honor our pastors. I just want to say, man, I don't have really words. I've been I've been preaching here every year since 2019 besides 2020. There was a little hiccup that year, but praise the Lord.
- But besides that, and every year I try to think of something, you know, I'm just mindful of how grateful I am for Pastor Steven and Pastor Holly. And I just, aren't you grateful for your pastors? Come on, clap your hands. The words, the songs, the books, And I just, I go, I'd go back to 2020 and I chucks. I think about the blessing. That song got me through. It just got me through and I could, and I could just start naming song after song. That just got me through sermons. It just got me through. You know what I was maybe so excited about this week. We were in Miami. Pastor was preaching there and the kids were there. And Graham did a living room in Miami.
- I'll tell you what, let me just talk for a second. Let me tell you what. I was in tears the whole time. Abby's leading worship, what the heck? I remember when Abby was a year, I think I would have met her at a year or two years old. Now leading worship, Graham's up there preaching. Elijah's doing an interview and teaching and preach. And I'm just like, look at the next generation rising up. I was so stirred. I see this whole youth section over here on fire for God. Come on, clap your hands. I just tell you. And I wrote Pastor Stephen and Pastor Holly. And I said, thanks for being great parents. You inspired me tonight.
- As they were ministering and I was watching Pastor Stephen Hawley just smiling, just watching. And again, just impacted again by their life and by their ministry. I just want to say thank God for our pastors. Thank God for this house. And I'm going to know the best is yet to come. Come on, we're just getting started. 20 years in, we're just getting started and so are you. Can you say amen, everybody?
- I'm going to read a passage of scripture, Hebrews 11, eight, one little verse, and then we're going to have church today. Will you help me preach a little bit? All right. I'm going to yell. If you don't yell back, it's going to be awkward. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home. and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. So let me just stop real quick. These are all faith phrases. It was by faith Abraham obeyed. That's faith. When God called him, hearing God, that's faith. To leave home, that's faith. To go to another land, that's faith. That God would give, he receives an inheritance, that's faith. That's all faith.
- **But now I'm going to give you my favorite faith phrase in the Bible. He went without knowing. where he was going. Ooh, and I want to preach about that today for a little bit. I know God can, and I know God will, but I don't know how. I know God can, and I know God will, but I don't know how. And I believe today God's going to help us walk by faith. Father, I thank you for the gift of faith that is on this house. And I thank you today. You're going to strengthen our faith and our response in advance is yes. In Jesus name.**
- And everybody said, amen. One more time. Every location, clap your hands and give God praise. Come on. Amen. And amen. You can be seated. Look at your neighbor and tell them, I don't know how. Just tell them, I don't know. I

don't know how, I don't, I don't know how. God invites his children into a life of faith. This is the possibility of every believer.

- Second Corinthians chapter five, verse seven, that we can walk by faith and not by sight. Let me just say this before you are a Christian, you've never walked by faith. You only walk by sight. You only walk by the five senses. But now that you are a believer, we have an opportunity to do something that we've never done before. And that is walk by faith. That we don't just live by the five senses. We don't just live by circumstance. We don't just live by what we can see. But we now get to live in an unseen realm called the life of faith. God is inviting us into this. And let me just say this. Most Christians. We'll never truly experience the joy, the adventure, the peace of walking by faith. But God is inviting us into this walk. See, eyesight shows me what is.
- **Regret shows me what could have been. But faith shows me what could be. And I just want you to know right now we are living in one of those three areas as I speak. Eyesight. It just shows me the obvious. It takes no faith to see. It takes no faith to talk about what I'm already experiencing. A lot of times we just walk by regret. We just live in what could have been.**
- Oh, man, if I would have, if I could have, if I should have. Man, if I'd have bought Bitcoin when it was 10 cents. Come on, somebody. I should have done this.
- I should have done that. I should have, whatever it could be. And so many believers end up living their entire life, really not believing. They just end up in eyesight and they end up in regret. But there is a third place that we can live. It's called faith. It's called the unseen. It is called a place of what could be and what should be. And I've never been there before, but I feel like the Holy Spirit is calling me into something. that I've actually never seen before or experienced before. I have no reference for it.
- See, when you're walking by eyesight, when you're walking by regret, you can always look back and have a reference point for what you should expect for tomorrow. So it's been bad, it's gonna be bad. It is bad, it's gonna be bad. You always have a reference point, a worst case scenario of what has been that is lying to you, telling you what could always be. But faith shows me something and reveals something and tells me something that I've never been in before. The only reference point I have for tomorrow is Jesus himself because he is the God who was and is, is to come and he is inviting me into something that I've never seen before. I've never lived in before, but something in my spirit says my best days are still in front of me and God still has a plan for me. Come on, everybody say faith. We walk by faith. Oh, it's one thing to talk faith and it's another thing to believe, but it's another thing when your faith gets in your feet. Ooh, that's where the real joy comes.
- Do me a favor. Everybody just kind of stomp a little bit. Can I hear your feet? Can I hear your feet? That's when you know you're really in faith, when it starts getting in your feet. When your walk starts changing and when God starts calling you into a place that you've never been before. But oh, this can be scary. Faith feels risky. It's not risky, but it can feel risky. And a lot of times we end up not taking a step of faith because we're waiting on clarity. Pastor, just pray for me. I'm just really in a season right now where I'm praying for clarity. I think a lot of us are praying for clarity and we need to be praying for courage.
- Just really believing for clarity in this next six months. I would stop praying that and I would just start doing something that God's calling you to do. there have been a lot of seasons that I prayed for clarity and really what I needed to be praying for was the courage to obey the thing God's calling me to do that is terrifying to my flesh, but my spirit is saying, God is calling me into something.
- **Faith requires movement before manifestation. Confidence in God before clarity and believing before seeing. Abraham, Abraham, And I believe that God is calling us into a life of faith.**
- So here's what I know about faith. Number one, faith knows. Faith knows. The Bible said that God called Abraham. Abraham had a word from God and all Abraham needed was a word from God. Friend, all you need is a word from God and it could change your entire life. By the way, that's why we should always come to church with expectation. That's why we should always come to church with a Bible. That's why we should always come to church leaning in. We're not just here to check a box, but we're here to have an encounter with God because we know that one word

from God. One little phrase from a song, one little prayer that someone might pray for you. Something might happen in your life that changes your entire life. One word from God. Abraham got a word and it changed his life. And I believe you can get a word that changes your life.

- **There's an old preacher, F.F. Bosworth. He's in heaven now, but he said that faith begins where the will of God is known. That once God can reveal it to me, now faith can begin to be birthed in my heart. And that's why the word of God is so important to us.**
- That man shall not live by bread alone, Jesus said. But every word that comes from the mouth of God. That means that there is an entire way of living that goes beyond bread alone. Goes beyond the natural alone. Goes beyond what you can see alone. There is a place called faith that can sustain you. And can cause you to go. See, that's what sustained Jesus for 40 days. For 40 days, he didn't eat. But he had the word. See, anytime the enemy can keep us ignorant in a place, he can keep us bound in that place.
- But if I can get the word on it, I can get freedom in that area. And this is why the word matters. Can I just talk about this in 2026? That's why you ought to read the Bible. Come on, somebody. Come on, somebody. That's why whenever you read the scripture, something supernatural happens in your life. Something begins to change on the inside. Well, I read the Bible and I don't feel like I understood it. I promise it's working. Well, I read the Bible this morning and I don't remember anything I read. I promise it's work. Just keep showing up to the book. Just keep eating. I promise it is doing something in your life.
- By faith we understand, this is so powerful, Hebrews 11, 3. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command. Watch this. That what we see did not come from anything that can be seen. Let me just say that one more time. That what we see, you see it now, but it didn't come from the scene. You see it now, but it didn't start there. It actually started in the invisible. Oh, you see elevation now. But you didn't see it when it was a dream in the heart of our pastors. You see all this.
- But it didn't start here. It didn't start in the seen. It started in the unseen. You see that great marriage now, but it didn't start there. It started in the unseen. You see that family serving the Lord now, but it didn't start there. It started in the unseen. You see that person in business now, but it didn't start there. It started in the unseen. You see that person on fire for God now, but it didn't start there. Everything that God does. always begins in the unseen. It begins by faith. It begins with a vision. It begins with a picture.
- And I just want to declare, God's going to give you a word. God's going to give you a vision. God's going to give you a picture that right now it would make no sense. But if you don't give up on the word, eventually you will see what you couldn't see. Everything we can see began in the unseen. Let me go a little bit further here. Colossians chapter one, verse 16. For by him, all things were created. All things were created. Now he's going to explain what things are in heaven and on earth. Watch this visible and invisible. What are things? Some things are visible. Some things are invisible. And to God, they're both things.
- So we only appreciate the things we can see. But God is more into the things that cannot be seen, that are going to eventually do something in our life that eventually we will see. If you can see it today, it began in the unseen. I'm talking about faith knows. I'm talking about getting a word from God. I'm talking about I am going after God. I am believing for a move of God in my life. I've gotten a word from God, but I don't see it yet. That's okay. Because that thing that God spoke to you that you don't see is as real to God as the things that you can see. And it has to get that real in your spirit before you ever see it with your eyes.
- **And we only appreciate what can be seen, but God appreciates the unseen. In 1971, Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, Florida. When Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, Florida, Lillian Disney's best friend leaned over to her. Walt's widow leaned over and said, it's such a shame Walt never got to see this. And Lillian looked back at her and said, he did see it. That's why we're here. Walt been dead for five years, but he saw it. He saw it before we saw it. He dreamed it before we saw it. He was walking in it before we were walking in it. And may that be the testimony of your family. And may that be the testimony to your children. That mama saw something. Daddy saw something.**

- They got something from heaven. And because they saw it. And because they believed it. Though it was invisible. Now we are walking in something that our parents believed for. He did see it. Don't give up on the word God spoke to you. Don't give up on the dream God put in your spirit. Don't give up on the thing that God promised you, though it is taking longer than you expected. And it always will. God's doing something in your life. In first Peter chapter one, verse 23, Peter talks about the scripture and he says this. We've been born again, not of corruptible seed, but watch this incorruptible through the word of God. Which lives and abides.
- Here's what Peter's saying. He's saying the word is incorruptible seed. That means every time the word goes in, you is doing something in your life. I don't see it today, but it's working. I don't feel it today, but it's working. Haven't seen a breakthrough yet, but it's working. Even when I can't see it, you're working. And that's so much easier to sing than to live. Come on, somebody. Even when I don't feel it, you're working. You, you never stop working. You, you never said that, man, that is, that is so good to sing on a Sunday morning. It is so hard to live on a Monday morning. Come on, somebody. But God's, but God's word is working.
- I want to show you a place right by where I live in Vegas is called Death Valley. This is the hottest and the lowest point in America. And it's the hottest place in the world. That's where I live. That's my backyard, actually. That's a picture of my backyard. I don't know if you ever want to see where I live. That's where I live. And so like right now, it's like a squillion degrees. I don't know. It's hot. It's brutal. So that's Death Valley. Every once in a while, it'll rain in Death Valley. It's very rare. But when it does, Death Valley turns into this. I want you to see the next picture. That's Death Valley. That's Death Valley. Because what you couldn't see in picture number one is that there was seed in the ground. I'm about to start preaching. Are y'all ready? Can we, can we, I say y'all ready? Can we turn up a little bit? That seed's been working.
- That incorruptible seed has been working. I don't see it yet. But when the rain of the Spirit of God touches my life, all of a sudden something begins. To work in my, and I declare the rain is falling on your life. I declare you will see what you've been praying for. You will see what you've been believing. Don't give up yet. God is working. Come on, give God a big shout of praise. If you believe that the word works. Haven't seen it yet, but I'm standing on a word. My life don't look like right now what God told me, but I'm standing on a word. God put something in my spirit and my circumstances do not agree, but I'm standing on a word.
- And my life might look like Death Valley right now, but it's actually not dead. It's just dormant. But I believe the rain's going to fall in my life. Y'all faith will make you look like a genius eventually. Eventually. But at first it makes you look like a fool. You get a word. You believe in God. And nothing agrees. And then one day. You see it. And then we call those people overnight successes. But we didn't see the years and the years and the years of believing God. I've just come today to tell somebody, do not quit yet. The word is working. Faith, no.
- Number two, faith doesn't know. Dang. I wish that wasn't true, but it's true. Oh, faith knows. Faith gets a word from God. Faith stands on the authority of scripture. Faith does not know the details. I know God can. And I know God will, but I don't know how. He went without knowing where he was going. Can you imagine that moment? Abraham comes into the tent. Hey, baby, pack up. We on the move. God spoke to me. Sarah goes, wow, that's great. Where are we going? I don't know. Is that the same God that told you we don't have kids? Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Him. Come on, let's go. Come on, somebody. Felt like a fool. Felt like, where is God? But faith goes without knowing.
- I don't need to know. God knows. And anything God is not telling me right now, I guess I don't need to know. The Bible said it like this, that the secret things belong to God. So anything God is keeping a secret from me is obviously to protect me. He went without knowing. And we want God to show us everything. I just want to submit this to you. If God showed you everything, you wouldn't do anything. because it will freak you the freak out. So thy word is a lamp unto my feet. This little word lamp right there, I don't want to bore you, but it's a little hand lamp that they would hold like this, like a little candle.
- They say it was like four to six lumens. So your iPhone is like a hundred lumens, 200 lumens. We're talking about step by step. God show me more, you can't handle it. I can't even show you five feet in front of you, let alone five years in front of you. So I have to just, I have to give you enough to take a step. Go left. Okay. All right. Go forward. Okay. Take

a step back. Relax. Okay. Go right. Okay. Here we go. And it feels slow, but God's actually protecting me. It feels longer than I expected, but God is actually covering me. The Bible would say it like this in King James, so it sounds really pretty, though the vision tarries. Come on, King James people. That's just a really cute, poetic King James way of saying this is going to take a while. But I'm going step by step. Step by step. The walk of faith is a walk. It's just a walk. God just wants a walk. Faith doesn't know. I want God to show me everything. You can't handle it. You don't have the faith for that yet. God can't show you what life is going to be like in 10 years. You don't have that faith yet. You have today's faith. He said, don't worry about tomorrow.

- Today's got enough issues. You've got enough faith to get through the next 24 hours. And then tomorrow morning, you will have the faith for those 24 hours. You've got to settle this in your heart. You know, in 2018, we planted our church in Las Vegas. And I saw, God showed me, I saw. The building, I saw the worshipers coming. I saw the impact we would make in the I saw it. I saw it. I saw God showed me that God gave me enough faith to believe that God could do something big in Vegas. God showed me that in 2018. You know what God didn't show me in 2018? God didn't show me COVID. God didn't show me that year. God, I wasn't ready for that. If God in 2018 would have showed me COVID, I would have never started our church. I'd have been working here. I'll tell you right now. I'd have called chunks and said, you need a janitor.
- Do you need a facilities director? What can I do for you? I'm here to serve. Amen. I'm just a humble servant. I wouldn't have done it. So God had to, he didn't lie to me, but he had to give me just enough of a word to cause me to move. without showing me too much because it would have overwhelmed me. So God don't lie to us, but God don't give us all the details either. Like I love the names of God, Jehovah Jireh, my provider. And I love that. I love that. I love, I love Jehovah Rapha, my healer. I love, I love these beautiful. These beautiful names of God. There's another name, though, that they need to add to that song called the name. You know, Jehovah Nisi fights your battles. There's another name. You got to be deep in the Hebrew, though. It's only like in Leviticus. It's Jehovah Sneaky. Y'all ever met Jehovah Sneaky? Jehovah Sneaky be getting you into battles. Jehovah Sneaky got me in a battle. He didn't lie. He just didn't give me all the information. Because if he would have given me too much info, I would have never done anything. God, I wasn't expecting this.
- **I know you weren't ready for this. But now that you're in it, I'm going to give you the grace and the faith to overcome a battle you would have never walked into unless I got you here. Come on, somebody say amen.**
- Think about Joseph. Yo, Joe, you want to lead a nation? Yeah. You want your hater brothers to bow down? Yes. I've been waiting for this moment. All right, cool. Let's go. Let's go. God just didn't tell him about the pit. Just didn't tell him about Potiphar's wife. Just didn't tell him about the prison. God just left out the next 13 years of training for reigning that was going to get Joseph ready. For his place and his promise. And I just want somebody to know you're in training right now, but don't give up. You're you're in process right now, but don't give up. You might be in a pit right now, but don't give up. God is working and God knows exactly where you're at.
- Even when you don't know where God is at. It's Jehovah sneaky. Hey, Ezekiel, can these bones live? I love what Ezekiel says back again, just so, so spiritual. Lord, you know, which is Ezekiel's way of saying, I don't know. And I like living there. I like being right there. Lord, you don't. I don't know, but you know. I'm surprised you're not surprised. I didn't expect this, but you're working. And you're moving. Faith knows. Faith doesn't know. Number three, faith goes. Faith goes. Faith goes. Faith moves.
- And the Bible said that Abraham, he went. I just want to ask a simple question. And I'd love for you to wrestle with this if you're taking notes today. If you haven't taken one note, this would be a good one. What is God asking you to do? Do it. And stop being scared to obey God. The devil will convince you that obedience is a risk. But obedience is never a risk. It feels like a risk, but it's not a risk. What is what is God asking you to do? I love what Mary said to the servants. Look what she said about Jesus. Whatever he says to you, do it.
- Whatever. Is it time to start serving in this house? Do it. Is it time to start giving financially? Do it. Is it time to forgive that person? Do it. Is it time to make it right in that relationship? Do it. Is it time to make the call? Do it. Is it time to get married? Do it. Some of y'all been living together for 18 years. You've been praying about getting married. Do it.

You know, we're just still making sure. Dog, it's been a minute. There's a conviction at Valentine right now. We need to move on. Is it time to start having kids? Do it. We don't know if we're ready. You're not. You're not ready to have children. Do it. Is it time to get water baptized? Do it. What is God asking you to do every act of obedience. It always leads to God's blessing. It leads to answers. It leads to wisdom. It leads to better.

- Eventually, it leads to better. Proverbs 4, 18, that the path of the righteous is like the dawn. Watch this. It's getting brighter and brighter. Here's what I've learned. That if I walk with God, I'll have the team cup. If I walk with God, eventually, it's getting brighter and brighter. Not worse and worse. Not darker and darker. Brighter and brighter. But it can feel so scary to obey God. What's God asking of you? Give it to him. I have a nine-year-old daughter. She's turning 10 in a couple of months, Goldie. And every once in a while, we realize she's outgrown her toys. Any parents in the house? She starts outgrowing things. So we start packaging these toys and we start getting them in bags and boxes because we're gonna bless a family with younger children.
- And JJ, I'll pull a toy out of her closet that has not seen the light of day in five years. And I'll pull it out because we're going to give it away. And the moment she sees it, she goes. I've been looking for that. That's my favorite toy. Homie. You haven't seen that toy in five years. I love that toy. I have to keep that toy. Well, we'll find clothes and shoes. I love those shoes. They are that big. I love those shoes. Babe, babe, we're, you've outgrown that. That fits you in a season, but it's time to go. That was good for you in one season. Come on, somebody. But it's time to go. That served you in one season. But it'll hurt you in a new season. It's time to go. But see, we pray God do a new thing until he starts doing a new thing. And then just like Jesus, we go, we like the old wine better.
- Jesus goes, nobody likes new wine and new wineskins. We pray for change till God starts changing. Because change don't feel like change. Change feels like pain. You say, Dad, I just really think I need to keep this. I just really think, just in case. Does anybody have any just in cases in your soul? So I'm going to show you a picture. It's so cheesy, but I don't care. I'm 42 and I'm embracing the cheese season of my ministry. Is that okay? Because I want you to see this because I've been there. Have you ever been there? I can't look at that picture without crying. That's good. But I love it, God. And God's going, but I'm doing a new thing. I'm taking you to a land that you don't know. See, you know your past. You know where you've been. Even if it's unhealthy, at least it's familiar.
- And now God's taking me into an uncomfortable place. But I have to believe that in the exchange, there's brighter and brighter. But I've never been here before, God. But this is bigger than me. But I love this. But I've outgrown this. And Abraham says, let's go. Never been where we're going, but let's go. And if I'm willing to go without knowing, that's where the blessing is. And maybe you're holding onto something today going, God, I love it. A comfort zone, a place that maybe it's bitterness. Maybe it's unforgiveness. Maybe I don't know. Maybe it's a relationship. Maybe it's a season of your life that you just, you've, you've, you've so identified with it that it's become a familiar place and yet Jesus is saying, I'll trade you. You want to have an exchange?
- Because I promise my way is better. But I love it, God. And by the way, whatever act of surrender you have to give God today, I promise you it won't be your last. So you might as well just get comfortable saying yes, because he just keeps pushing me. Out knowing. But that's where the joy is. If you wanna keep your life, Jesus said, you'll lose it anyway. But if you lose it, in other words, if you'd live like this, it's all yours. You actually end up keeping it. Doesn't make sense. It's God math. Because there really isn't control. So the moment I yield whatever lie of control I've believed, there it is. So Lord, today we choose to go. Without knowing.
- Because whatever you're leading us into is better than where we've been. If you just need to give something to God, why don't you just lift up your hands and give it to him right now. Why don't you just stand and give it to the Lord, come on. Oh, come to the altar. Oh come to the altar, the Father's arms are open. Just reach out to heaven right now, come on. Was bought with the precious. Oh come to the altar. Let's have an exchange right here. Let's have an exchange right here with heaven. Give him your burdens. Give him your fear. Give him your hair. Give him Oh, what a Savior! Oh, what a Savior! Isn't He wonderful? Sing hallelujah! Christ is risen! And then we bow! Sing it again. Sing it again.

- So today, Father, whatever we're carrying, Whatever semblance of control we're trying to keep - Whatever that is. We just open our hands and we want to stay right here. Surrender. Tell me what to do, Lord. I'll do it. Cause there's a joy and obedience that I can't find anywhere else. Just stay with me right here. That today you need to give Jesus your life. You need to surrender your life to the Lord. You need to become a Christian. Jesus called it being born again. Not just being a better version of who you are, but having a brandnew creation.
- You probably aren't. When I was 15 years old, I gave Jesus my yes and my life. And I had no idea really what I was saying yes to. I just knew who I was saying yes to. I did not be a preacher. I didn't know I'd be in Vegas. I did not be here today. I didn't know any of that. I didn't know the valleys that I'd walk through. I didn't know. But I knew who. And I've never regretted that. Yes. 27 years later, do you say yes to Jesus? Just at every location in a place of prayer, just bow your head, close your eyes for a moment to our eFam. Just settle your heart for a moment. If that's you and you would say, I need to give my life to Jesus. Jabe and pray with me. I want to give my life to Christ or. At one time I did, and at one time I was walking with God, but I kind of lost my way.
- Today I need to come home. If that's you, pray with me. Say yes to Jesus all over this place. We're going to all pray together. From your heart, say this, and God will meet you right where you're at. I'm going to ask everybody at every location to pray with our friends who are saying yes to Jesus right now. Everyone say, Jesus, I believe in you. I believe you died for me. I believe you rose again. And today I give you my life and I receive your life. I give you my sin and I receive your righteousness. Jesus, be Lord, Savior of my life. Now just please keep your eyes closed one more moment. If that was your prayer, all over this room.
- And at every room from the pop-up that's happening right now to every location, to everyone online to right here in Valentine, if you're saying yes to Jesus, I'm going to count to three on three. I'm gonna ask you to raise your hand. Javan, do I have to raise my hand? I think it's important. I think it's important to make that public declaration that says, Hey, that was, that was for me. Preacher. I want to become a follower of Jesus. Today's my day. That was my prayer. You stop the entire service just for me. I'm giving my life to Christ for the very first time. Or you're coming back. You're coming, coming back to Jesus. On three, I'm going to ask you to raise your hand. And I believe God's going to meet you. It's going to feel like a million pounds is lifted off your shoulders. And you're just going to know that you know that you're a child of God. Say yes to Jesus today. You'll never regret it. You may not be ready, but if you're willing, God will meet you in this moment. Yes to Jesus. Coming back to Jesus. Returning to Jesus. Whoever you are. Come on, on the count of three. One, two, and three. That was my prayer. Lift up your hand. God bless you. God bless you. God bless you. Amen and amen. Well, listen, if you just gave your life to Jesus for the first time or you're coming home like Pastor Jaben said, we just want to say welcome to the family of God. What a beautiful decision that you made today. The best and most important decision.