

The purpose of God “Almighty for my life, making myself available to Him and my willingness to be obedient to Him.

In Isaiah 6:8, the Bible says, **“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me”**.

God’s question always is: Who is available? Who shall I send? Who will go before me? He never said who is capable, because all ability belongs to God.

In Luke 10:1-2, the Bible says, **“After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he would come.**



**Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest”**.

The same problem God had in the time of Isaiah was there in the time of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. The same problem is still in existence today.

Acts 13:21-22, **“And afterwards they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.**

**And when he had removed him, he raised them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who shall fulfil all my will”.**

God is always delighted when He finds someone who is available. Someone who will be obedient to carry out His programme.

God is always excited when He finds someone about whom He could say, ‘I have found someone.’ It means God is still seeking someone.

I Samuel 2:35, **“And I will raise a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in**

**mine heart and in my mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever”.**

When God found Samuel, He said, “This is someone I can use.” He said with joy, “I will raise thee up a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and my mind.”

There are two principal things God is looking for:

(1) Someone available

(ii) Someone who will be obedient.

I am sure someone who is obedient is difficult to find among men now more than ever before. If I ask, who is available to be used by God, all of you will raise your hands.

But if I ask, who will be willing to obey God absolutely, some hands will go down, because many of the orders that God will give us at times seem very difficult to obey, unless you know Him very well.

Matthew 26:39, "***And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt***".

Our Lord Jesus was able to submit totally to the will of His Father because He knows His Father so intimately.

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He was able to say, 'not my will but thy will be done. Because he had known his Father intimately. That is why He said, "My Father and I are one."

The problem is, we cannot wait. God Himself cannot wait until we know Him completely.

We must begin to obey Him because He wants to use us now. God cannot wait till we fully understand Him before He begins to give His instructions.

**For example:** (1) Noah could not possibly understand what God meant when He asked him to begin to build an ark, and begin to bring in reptiles, and animals and all kinds of ugly things inside the ark, because the earth had never been flooded before. He did not even know what rain was, but he obeyed God

instantly.

(ii) Abraham could not understand the logic of God asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac, yet he obeyed.

(iii) Philip could not understand why God asked him to leave a successful city-wide crusade for a desert. Why God? He could have asked. But he didn't ask, he simply obeyed.

Acts 8:26-27, **“And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.**

**And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ehtiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem to worship”.**

(iv) A classical example of those who are obedient and available to God is Elijah. He knew quite well that he was not an ordinary person. He knew Jehovah had something to do with his life. He had been very, very zealous for the Lord God of Hosts.

1 Kings 19:9-10, **“And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?”**

**And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the Children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine alters, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away.”**

He was always in love with God. He and God were true friends. He could not tolerate any insult to his God. How I wish we could say that about all disciples.

When God’s time came, he was available.

(a) 1 Kings 17:1, **“And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, as the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word”.**

The moment God said, ‘go’ to Ahab, he was there. Step by step, as God was leading him, he was willing and obedient all the time.

(b) I Kings 17:2-5, **“And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.**

**And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.**

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**So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.”**

God told him to leave the palace, go to the brook sit down there. What did he say? Yes sir! Later on, the brook dried up.

(c) I Kings 17:7-10, **“And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold the widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her, and said Fetch me, I pray, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink”.**

God said “get up now, go to Zarephat, stay with a widow there.” What did he say? Yes sir. He didn’t ask a question, he didn’t even consider, ‘eh, what will people say when they see me living in the house of a widow?’

(d) Despite the danger to his life, God said, Go and show yourself to Ahab today.

He said, Yes, sir. He did not say, “But God, you know this man wants to kill me, is this going to be the day of my death?”.

He didn’t ask any questions; he just jumped up and went. Because he is not only available, he was ready to die in obedience, he moved on.

(e) Later on, God said, Go to Horeb, he said, “Yes, sir,” that is in I Kings 19.

(i) And then later on, he travelled for forty days, where he started to grumble. And God said, “Alright, go and appoint your successor” (**I Kings 19:16-19**).

Another fellow could have said, “I am still strong, I can move, and if I am unhappy today, it is because your people are not worshipping you. Why do you



want to replace me?" He did not even say a word. Yes sir.

(g) **In II Kings 1:15**, he was on the mountain top, and the soldiers came to arrest him. They could kill him on the way, but God said, Follow them. He said, "Yes, sir." This man is great. He is the kind of person God will use. He obeyed God in all things.

(h) And then finally God said to him, Prepare for your home coming, yes sir.' He did not say Let me live for some years more, please, Anything God says, he is willing.

All these people were totally obedient to the will of God: Noah, Abraham, Philip, and Elijah. How come they were obedient to God even though they were yet to know God fully? The answer is faith in God. They knew that God is good.

I don't know about your own God, but my own God is good. Our God cannot do evil.

So, whether I understand it or not, I know that His plan for my life cannot be evil. His plan for my life shall ultimately be glorious.

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**In Hebrews 11:17-19**, the Bible says that it is by faith that Abraham did what he did. In Hebrews 11:7, the Bible says that it is by faith that Noah did what he did.

In Acts 10:5-6, God spoke to Simon Peter. That means Simeon Peter was available.

But what remained was to make Simeon Peter willing to be obedient. God knows those who are available. He brings you here so that you can become obedient.

God gave a vision to Peter. God said, Kill and eat, but Peter said, No Lord, three times. After the vision was removed, he began to wonder what kind of vision this.

**In Acts 10:19-23**, God gave direct orders to Peter, Get down, go with them, tarry not, other signs began to follow.

Thank God Peter obeyed all. He got up, he went down, he met with the strangers, he went with them. Peter did not carry out any more assignments.

That was the end of his ministry.

In Acts 9 30-43, we discover that Peter already had enough faith to raise the dead. And yet he did not have enough faith to obey God completely, until God gave him that great vision.

What this means is that the faith that you need to obey God intrinsically is greater than the faith you need to raise the dead.

You need to pray for faith my brother, you need to pray for faith my sister, because in John 2:5, the mother of Jesus Christ said to those who were standing by, something that should become the main focus for every Christian, "Whatsoever he asks you to, do it".

Whatsoever he says, do it. That is the only way to make it. That is the only way to reach your goal.

He has a purpose for your life. It is a good purpose, if you are available you must be willing to obey him completely. That is not going to be easy. For, it is not by power, not by might, but by the Spirit of the Lord.

## **PRAYER**

Why don't you talk to Him now? Father, increase my faith, that I will be able to obey you at all times. Whatever you say, no matter how stupid it might sound to me, give me the grace to obey.

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