

Moving Forward in Your Calling When You Don't Hear From God

In Part 1 of this series, *Fulfilling Your Calling When God Is Silent*, I explained *what* we can do when God is silent about our next steps. In this second part I want to tell you *why* He is silent at times.

In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells us that the kingdom is like a master who entrusts his servants with his possessions and talents according to their current ability (which can change). Then it says that “immediately he took his journey” (v. 15b). Without instruction or advice, the master entrusts his servants with his kingdom and then leaves.

If you have ever felt like God has given you something and then has been silent about it, know this is a normal part of God's leadership. So the question is *why*. Why does He give us things and then remains silent on what to do with them? Understanding this is key to how you approach these situations. So let's make this as simple as possible.

Part of your calling is to reign and rule with Christ (Dan. 7, Rev. 20:4–6). God is not looking for slaves that only do what they are told. He is looking for friends to whom He can entrust more.

At the end of the day, there's more to your relationship with God than simply doing what He tells you to do. Otherwise, that would make you a slave or keep you acting like a small child. His objective is to mature you from being a child to a friend, and then to someone He can entrust with leadership. Leadership and having more are part of your calling, but you cannot do that as a little child. You cannot become a leader until you're ready. You must first mature to a place where you know

God's ways and can manifest His heart in any situation.

When God's not speaking is often because you're in a time of testing and maturing, which is the preparation for your transition into another season. A student does not move forward into the next set of classes until they pass the previous ones. The same is true for us.

In Matthew 25, after the master comes back to see what the servants have done, there is a time of promotion or demotion. The ones who invested what they were given got more—or in our analogy, went to the next grade. The one who did not invest and chose to forget about what was entrusted to him, was demoted a grade.

Moving Forward

The time of silence is a time that will determine your next steps. God's providing a context for you to use what you've learned so far and mature into a greater place of leadership with Him. He wants to entrust you with His kingdom, increase your responsibility, and allow you to be His representation to the world around you.

You cannot enter into your next step of leadership with Him if you've not first been faithful with what He's already entrusted to you, regardless of how big or small (Luke 19:11–27).

To move forward into the next step of your journey, you must mature into it, which includes passing a test first.

Our Primary Test

So what's the primary test that we see in Matthew 25? Well, there are two main points that stand out.

The first one is to just start investing what you have. The two servants who went and just invested their talents were called faithful. The master did *not* measure them on what they earned back, just on being faithful. You cannot measure your

return, because only the good God who distributes talents can measure that correctly. Your job is to just be faithful in finding places to invest yourself for the growth of God's kingdom.

The second point is that you must have faith in God's ability to bring forth a return in your life. This is about the revelation of God's ability in your life. The master in Matthew 25 rebukes the servant who buried his talent because he had more fear than faith. The servant knew the master was really good at being a successful businessman, and yet he chose to allow that to grip him with fear instead of motivate him in faith.

So, have faith in God's amazing power and ability in your life. Don't allow fear to hold you back. Move forward in life as part of the royal family of God, knowing He will meet you along the way and help you mature into His fullness.

What fear do you most need to conquer to move forward? {eoa}

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