

When God Speaks, Do You Jump?

Ever since our ministry, Christ for all Nations, was incorporated in the United States in 1987, we have never owned any property here because we always felt it was our mandate to fast-track all available funds to the mission field to invest in souls rather than in bricks and mortar. We were renting offices in Orlando and were very content with what the Lord had provided.

But several months ago on a Saturday morning, I received a call from our founder, Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke. He said, "The Lord spoke to me this morning and said that He has a 'Harvest Home' for us in Orlando."

Evangelist Bonnke believed God wanted to give us a facility of our own. The problem was, we didn't have a penny in any sort of building fund and had never even considered such a project. But Reverend Bonnke was sure the Lord had spoken, so he said, "I am coming to Orlando, and I want to meet with you right now." He drove two hours to meet with several of us about the "Harvest Home" that Saturday morning. Obviously nothing could have been done at that very moment. Even if God had spoken, much groundwork, research, and due diligence had to be done.

When I asked Evangelist Bonnke why he was in such a hurry to meet, he said, "I feel that the eyes of God are on me, and I want Him to see that when He speaks, I jump." Over the next few weeks we were witnesses to a miracle, as literally every penny for the purchase of a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility was provided supernaturally! I saw a direct correlation between Evangelist Bonnke's wholehearted to God's word and His dramatic supply of our miracle.

If God has revealed His will to you but you are not sure exactly what to do—do *something*! Let God see that you take His

word seriously and that when He speaks, you respond. As I have already mentioned, even God can't steer a parked car! You need to give Him something to work with. There are so many people who seek God's will, find it, and then never see it manifest in their lives because they were never willing to take any kind of action.

Some people are waiting for God to do everything for them. Some people have an attitude that says, "If this vision is from God, then it will just happen on its own." But my friend, it doesn't work that way! In Matthew 6:26 Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them" (NIV).

Yes, it's true, God provides for the birds of the air, but He doesn't build their nests for them or gather their food for them. They must spread their wings, and they must do their part. If you are sitting at home waiting for God to spoon-feed His will to you, you are going to be waiting for a very long time. You'd better spread your wings and get moving in faith and obedience.

Show God that when He speaks, you jump! {eoa}

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