

Lessons for Being Used By God!

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Series: 1 Kings – Lessons from the Journey

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I Am God’s Ambassador to the Individuals in My Life

“And behold, a man of God came out of Judah by the word of the LORD to Bethel. Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make offerings.” 1 Kings 13:1 ESV

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:17 ESV

Living as a Believer Priest

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

1 Timothy 2:5 ESV

Living Out Jesus Call Upon My Life

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19–20 ESV

Living as a Confident Christian

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16–17 ESV

I Need to Stand True for God

“And the man cried against the altar by the word of the LORD and said, “O altar, altar, thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name, and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who make offerings on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.’ ” And he gave a sign the same day, saying, “This is the sign that the LORD has spoken: ‘Behold, the altar shall be torn down, and the ashes that are on it shall be poured out.’ ”” 1 Kings 13:2–3 ESV

“And when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, “Seize him.” And his hand, which he stretched out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself. The altar also was torn down, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.” 1 Kings 13:4–5 ESV

“And the king said to the man of God, “Entreat now the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.” And the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored to him and became as it was before.” 1 Kings 13:6 ESV

“And the king said to the man of God, “Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.” And the man of God said to the king, “If you give me half your house, I will not go in with you. And I will not eat bread or drink water in this place, for so was it commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘You shall neither eat bread nor drink water nor return by the way that you came.’ ” So he went another way and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel.” 1 Kings 13:7–10 ESV

Five Essentials for Being an Ambassador of Jesus

1. Continue to Invest my Relationship with Jesus

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,…” 1 Peter 3:15a ESV

2. Be Prepared to Respectfully Represent Jesus

“ always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” 1 Peter 3:15 ESV

3. Live Out Biblical Conviction

“having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.” 1 Peter 3:16 ESV

4. Be a Faithful Representative

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:17 ESV

5. Keep the Focus on the Jesus Message

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,” 1 Peter 3:18 ESV

Can God Use Me?

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