

Engage the Gospel 1 Kings 3:5-7; 1 Samuel 18: 12-16

### **What was your take home?**

God Almighty does not serve us; we serve Him. He is sitting in the captain's chair telling us to "engage", to move forward. The first two letters of the word gospel are "GO" are you going out making disciples? Are we discipling the children in our care? Do we know how to come in to and come out of God's presence? It is where we gain wisdom for whatever circumstance come our way. We need to get into His word and into His presence. Husbands and fathers, as godly men, it is your responsibility to go into the presence of God and come out with a word for your family. Our behaviour needs to line up with our belief. The SPIRIT OF GOD uses the WORD OF GOD to make us like the SON OF GOD. -Rick Warren

When we are in His presence, we need to be willing to see the God who is, not the god we want. We need to be willing to hear the truth because that is all He speaks.

**Coming in bring the presence of God** 1 Sam. 18:12-14; Jer. 17:19-22

**Coming in brings the fear of God.** 1 Sam 18:12,15; 1 Sam. 16:14

**Coming in brings the wisdom of God.** 1 Kings 11:1-8 there are consequences to the unwise decisions that we make. Friends can either turn us toward or away from the Lord. In our decisions and behaviour are we being loyal to the Lord? Are we fully following the Lord?

What contracts or covenants are we making? 2 Cor. 6:14; Deut 7:1-4

The outcome of our response to a revelation of God is our transformation; it will be either for triumph or tragedy. Are we making steps towards the revelation God has given us or are we ignoring it. 1 Sam. 18:14; 2 Chron. 9:1-4; Ezekiel 46:9

When we come into God's presence we leave differently. What did the Holy Spirit speak to you while you were in His presence? Did you come in with anxiety? Should you not come out with peace? Having God's wisdom does not guarantee that we will put it to use. We need to surround ourselves with godly friends, they will help fan into flame that passion for Christ; it will light and warmth and it will be a resource. We need to engage with God and then go out and engage a dying world.

Jesus told His persecutors that His works were His credentials. As His followers, our works are our credentials. If those we have dealings with were asked, would they be able to say that our walk and talk line up? We all have unsaved acquaintances and loved ones but there comes a time when we have to take a stand, draw a line because our behaviour is our credentials, we could lose all credibility if we don't. Engage Christ, He is the Commander and he wants to take us on the voyage of a lifetime. There will be turbulence and rough times, there will be hard times and tribulations there will be loss but we need to behave wisely in response to whatever comes our way. We need to know how to come in and come out of the presence of the Lord.