

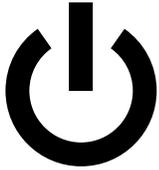


Speaker: Jeff Bogue

Title: An ALWAYS Faith

Summary: Every time, no matter what, faith says “Yes” to God.

Key Verses: 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Sam. 17; Gen. 39; Esther 4; Luke 1-2



Power Up: *Take a moment to prepare*

Living and sharing our faith should become an instinct, a reflex. Describe an area of life where practice has helped you develop instinct and reflex.



Replay: *Take some time to watch*

Note the flow of Jeff’s talk: **1)** Consider the ALWAYS; **2)** knowing versus “buying in” (and a bear story); **3)** examples of predetermining to say “Yes” to God; **4)** predetermining to say “Yes” to God ALWAYS.



Comment: *Take some time to talk*

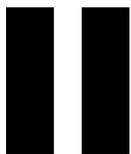
What does ALWAYS mean? What makes it an easy word to overlook?

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5. How does this passage relate to 1 Peter 3:15? According to this verse, what makes our readiness to share even more important in days to come? What should our attitude be?

Jeff distinguishes between knowing some facts and “buying into” faith. **What do you still need to “buy into” about the Christian faith? What will it take to get there? What may happen if you don’t “buy in”?**

How are David, Joseph, Esther, and Mary good case studies for predetermining to say “Yes” to God? Who models this idea for you?

What are the times and places in life where your default is selfishness, secrecy, cowardice, or sin? What practices can help curb this for you?



Pause: *Take a moment to pray*

Thank Jesus for never leaving us. Thank Him for walking through every moment of every day with us. Ask Him to embolden us to buy into the life of faith. Ask Him to courage to say “Yes” to Him every time, no matter what.



Take Action: *Make it personal*

Mary’s prayerful response to the news of her role as bearer of the Messiah is compelling. “Behold, I am a servant of the Lord; let it be according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Make this your prayer this week as you predetermine to open each day saying “Yes” to God.

Bonus Features: Additional Notes and Quotes from Jeff Bogue

“God never says anything just to say it... Every part of the Bible is inspired by God, given by God. Every word.”

“The word ALWAYS means... always. **Every time. No matter what. Regardless of the situation.** ALWAYS means always.”

“You want ALWAYS to be a reflex... You want ALWAYS to be an instinct... To ALWAYS do something, you not only have to practice that thing, but you have to determine that that’s what you’re ALWAYS going to default to.”

“You have to get [faith] in your head. You have to get it in your heart... Knowing and buying in are very different things.

The Linear Thought Process of 1 Peter 3:15

- Revere Christ as Lord.
- Know the answer/reason for your faith.
- Love God with your heart/passions/mind.
- ALWAYS!

Examples of People Always Faithful to God

- **David:** predetermined God would help him defeat Goliath.
- **Joseph:** predetermined he would flee impurity before he entered Potiphar’s house.
- **Esther:** predetermined she would put her life on the line for her people.
- **Mary:** predetermined she would say “Yes” to God when asked to bear His son.

“The circumstances changed but their ALWAYS didn’t because they had determined years before their faith was tested, morality challenged, life was on the line, and they had to stand up to anyone about anything, that they would ALWAYS.”

After a painful surgery and loss of his legs, Jeff’s brother said, “God never promised me two legs. I don’t need two legs to be a pastor. I don’t need two legs to preach. I don’t need two legs to love people.”

“You don’t decide to fight the giant when the giant’s standing in front of you; you decide to fight the giant before you ever show up to the battlefield. You decide to petition the king before you ever enter the palace...”

“I think public invitations are important and powerful. I think public accountability is important and powerful. I think your ALWAYS is a private determination. You have to decide.”