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HABITS THAT BUILD SUCCESS

# This Is The Way

January 28, 2024 Message Notes

*“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you.”*

*Matthew 6:33*

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.”*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*



# NOTES

The average adult makes 35,000 conscious decisions a day.

In the Star Wars saga, Mandalorians are guided by the phrase, “This is the way.”

God has an equivalent - a habit - for his people in order for them to live in his land of promise.

Would you like something you can trust to always lead you to true north?

“Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. After three days the officers went through the camp giving orders to the people: ‘When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about 2000 cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it.’” Joshua 3:1-4



“Joshua told the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.’ Joshua said to the priests, ‘Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.’ So they took it up and went ahead of them.”

Joshua 3:5-6

Habits learned earlier will serve them on this journey:

- Daily time in God's word
- Daily prayer
- Crafting their character to God's image that they bear
- Thinking new ways
- Taking little steps
- Making their journey together with others.

The habit that will make the waters part, bring the walls of Jericho down and take them deeper into God's land of promise is:

**Following God’s lead is the way to succeed.**

The ark of the covenant is the icon of God’s personal presence with them, and it will lead the way. It is a symbol of the Messiah.



The ark held three items:

1. Tablets of the covenant - the Ten Commandments
2. Pot of manna – the bread God gave them from heaven
3. Aaron’s rod - though dead, it blossomed to show God’s choice of high priest.

Jesus Christ is:

1. King – fulfiller of the Law and Covenant
2. Prophet – whose words nourish the soul, the bread of heaven
3. High Priest - alive from the dead, leading us to God and eternal life

**Put Jesus first in your life.** He has what it takes to see you through.

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.”

2 Corinthians 1:20

‘Yes’ means God is on your side. ‘Amen’ means ‘So be it. I’m in!’



## **Following God's lead is the way to succeed.**

This is the way. Put Jesus first. Follow where he leads.

“The Lord is my shepherd...he restores my soul...he leads me in the paths of righteousness...”

Psalm 23:1-3

“You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.” Psalm 16:11

“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

Psalm 37:4

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Matthew 6:33



How do we live this out?

**The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.**

What's the main thing?

- Your relationship with God following Jesus Christ.
- Take steps and keep moving. Follow the ark.
- Take little steps, trusting God's promises.
- Learn to pray without ceasing. Always keep the conversation open.
- Welcome him to lead in every situation.

Memorize verses that unlock truth and are full of the promises of God.

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“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”  
Philippians 4:13

God wants us to learn how to take steps of faith because he's got places for us to go; to learn how to trust him because he's got mountains he wants us to move and giants he wants us to overcome.

“For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again. But the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.”  
Proverbs 24:16

Following Christ doesn't mean you never stumble or fall; but when you do, you hold onto the promises and get back up – going with God.

God will let you choose a life where you don't see him, hear him or feel him. He won't force you.

But why would you settle for failure?

**Following God's lead is the way to succeed.**

