

## ARE YOU HESITANT TO SERVE THE LORD ?

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Why are those who claim to believe in God often so hesitant to obey Him? The word “hesitate” can be defined as to “*pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness.*” When we hesitate to do as God commands, it reveals an unwillingness to serve God, and it reveals a lack of faith. Please notice some Biblical examples of those who hesitated: **Lot** – “*And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed*” (Genesis 19:15-17).

**Lot’s wife** – “*But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt*” (Genesis 19:26).

**Moses** – “*Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain*” (Exodus 3:10-12).

**The ten faithless spies** – “*But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we*” (Numbers 13:31).

**Jeremiah** – “*Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak*” (Jeremiah 1:4-7).

**Peter** – “*And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common*” (Acts 10:13-15).

We also have examples of those who did not hesitate:

**Caleb** – “*And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it*” (Numbers 13:30).

**Andrew and Peter** – “*And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him*” (Matthew 4:18-20).

**Saul of Tarsus** – “*And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at*

*Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God” (Acts 9:18-20). With examples of those who hesitated in their service to God and those who did not hesitate, which example do you think God prefers? Could the word “hesitant” be used to describe you when it comes to obeying God? Are you hesitant to be baptized? Are you hesitant to attend the assemblies? Are you hesitant to invite people to the assemblies? Are you hesitant to study God’s Word? Are you hesitant to talk to people about the Truth? “...**why tarriest thou?...**” (Acts 22:16).*