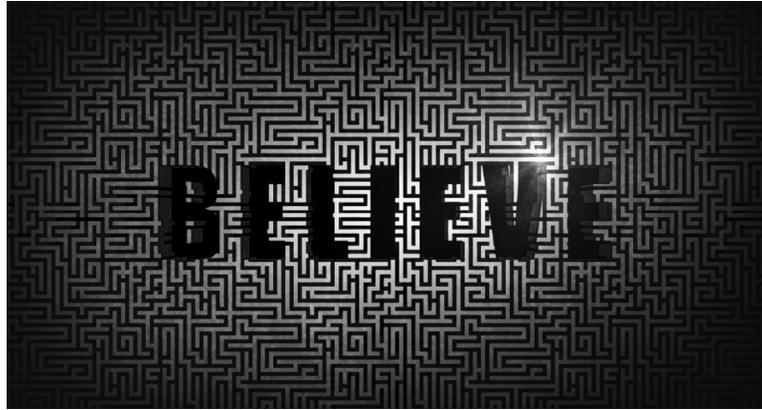


# appnotes



## DAY 1

### READ GENESIS 3:1-9

When Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit, she wasn't alone. Adam, her husband and leader was standing idly by. It was to Adam that God had given explicit instructions to stay away from that fruit. Rather than assertively share God's instructions with Eve he stood by and passively let her make the wrong choice and then he followed suit. Essentially, like many men today, Adam didn't want to speak up and make the tough call so he just remained silent... and the consequences were cosmic. A delayed decision can have the same result as no decision. We can't sit quietly when we need to be leading the way.

## DAY 2

### READ DANIEL 3

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are great examples of what it means to stand strong. An entire nation bowed in fear to the orders of a ruthless king who had an ego the size of...well, the giant gold statue he had built to honor himself! With everything to lose and nothing to gain, these three men refused to compromise their values and their faith. I love their reply to the furious king when they declare that their God can and will rescue them, but even if He doesn't they would not go against what they know is right. Today, will you stand strong and hold to your convictions or will you bow to the constant pressure to go the other direction?

## DAY 3

### READ GALATIANS 1:1-10

Paul is writing to a majorly confused church which he helped plant. In fact, he tells us that someone, or some group, was deliberately trying to confuse these new believers. As Paul addresses this church he makes a profound statement: "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." Paul wants them to know that he isn't in a grudge match to be heard or be in charge. What was most important for Paul was to listen to God and do what He said and to help others do the same. Who are you trying to please today?

## DAY 4

### READ ACTS 5:12-29

Filled with jealousy by the following the apostles were building, the religious leaders had them arrested and put in jail. But that can't stop God's plan. During the night an angel broke them out and instructed them to get back out there and tell others about Jesus and the new life He offers. In the morning, when word got out that the Apostles had made their way back to the temple courts the religious leaders were furious. Upon bringing the apostles back for further questioning, the leaders asked them what they were thinking. Peter stepped up and said "it's simple, we've got to listen to God, not to men." Are you being intimidated into keeping your belief under wraps or are you following God's instructions to get out and make a difference?

## DAY 5

### READ ACTS 22:26-40

A delayed decision can have the same result as no decision. When we put off our next step we're essentially putting off the decision to be obedient to God. Phillip was obedient to take his next step by following God's prompting to go. As a result he had the opportunity to share his faith with the Ethiopian eunuch who in turn took his next step to be baptized! I love the passion and urgency of the eunuch who asked an insightful question, "What am I waiting for?" It's time to ask yourself that same question. What are you waiting for? What next step has God asked you to take? Don't look for excuses or put it off any longer. Don't delay your decision. Listen to God and do what He says!

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