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SOME THINGS JUST STICK WITH ME MORE

There are some discipleship pieces that just stick with me more than others. There are some that I hear one time and they just seem to speak to my heart and make sense to me. There are others that I can hear a thousand times and they just bounce off me like a stone skipping on the water.

One of those things that I have stuck with my life is something very simple (so much that if you read much of what I write you will see it more than once) for me to apply to my life. It comes from a discipleship piece by Henry Blackaby and Claude King called *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*. This piece has pretty much been the model of how I do the ministry God has called me to at this time. Here are the 7 simple principles that are found within it:

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.

Here is the crazy part - these are simple principles, but yet, at the same time these are very hard. What do I mean by this? Well, to begin with, we are just not where we are in our lives by accident. We may not be presently be where we will eventually end up, be where we are right now is exactly where God knew we would be: the job that we have, the place that we live, the school our kids attend, the place we shop for groceries, etc. - none those things are catching God by surprise. He knows where we are and He knows how He wants to use us where we are NOW. If God is always at work around us, our main focus as followers of Christ is to stop and see where He is working around us.

For us to stop and see doesn't mean that we completely come to a dead stop with our life. It simply means that we seek His face daily through His word and prayer. As we constantly seek Him, God begins to show us where He is moving in the lives of people around us and how He is also moving in our lives to make sure that both of these intersect at the precise moment in time. We may call that "a divine appointment" or we may call that a "God moment". No matter what we call it, it is still proof that God has a plan for every believer's life.

The book of Acts is full of the stories of the early church. They are the stories of how the church's members sought the face of God and how they simply obeyed. Their obedience always came at a cost, but God always moved in such ways that the cost seemed like nothing compare to what God did. They didn't go looking for things to do on their own initiative, they just simply obeyed in doing what God called them to do in their day-to-day life.

We are no different. We are saved by the same gospel as they were. We are called to the same life of obedience they were. We are called to join God and to experience God through a life of seeking His face, and following Him closely.



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I am the vine; you are the branches.
The one who remains in Me and I in him
produces much fruit, because you can
do nothing without Me.

John 15:5

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5 - MIKE & BRENDA POWELL - ELLISTOWN
8 - JERRY BISHOP - KEOWNVILLE
11 - PERRY & PATRICIA REED - CORNERSVILLE
12 - NOAH & ALYSSA WHITEHEAD - NEW HARMONY
14 - JEREMIAH & CHRISTI MCMILLEN - NEELY
15 - DEBRA MCCUTCHEN - LIGHTHOUSE
17 - DAVID & TAMMIE GRUMBACH - MACEDONIA
30 - DON SPARKS - PLEASANT DALE
30 - SELA SMITH - HARMONY

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5 - ANDY & SUSAN RUSSELL - MARTIN
7 - DANIEL SMITH - HARMONY
9 - DONNA RAKESTRAW - WALLERVILLE
10 - JD & AUGUSTE HANKINS - FREDONIA
15 - PATRICIA REED - CORNERSVILLE
16 - TABITHA WHITE - NEW HOPE
28 - LISA BENEFIELD - NORTHSIDE
30 - JERRY & MARY ANN BISHOP - KEOWNVILLE
30 - PAULETTE SCHUMAN - TEMPLE

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6 - TRACY YATES - BLUE SPRINGS
7 - HEATHER DULEY - PARKS
7 - DON & DEBRA MCCUTCHEN - LIGHTHOUSE
9 - MITCHELL & LISA HALL
10 - SCOTT DULEY - PARKS
10 - REBECCA RAKESTRAW - LIBERTY
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18 - LARRY & PAM BAIN - MOUNT GILEAD
18 - AMANDA MAGERS - INGOMAR
20 - JERRY & BJ KING - PLEASANT RIDGE
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GENERAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

This is the giving to the general associational budget for missions and ministries of the UCBA in the first quarter of 2025. In this time period UCBA received \$29,919.38. The first quarter budgeted expenses were \$32,138.15. The following churches gave to the UCBA budget. Thank you for your faithfulness in cooperation!

(January - March 2025)

Amaziah	\$750.00	Jericho	\$1,067.13	Pleasant Dale	\$1,613.03
Beech Springs	\$450.00	Keownville	\$671.00	Pleasant Hill	\$1,466.68
Bethel	\$550.00	Liberty	\$750.00	Pleasant Ridge	\$750.11
Center	\$1,500.00	Macedonia	\$2,068.53	Wallerville	\$1,032.00
Cornersville	\$300.00	Martin	\$300.00	Zion Hill	\$259.20
Ellistown	\$2,000.00	Neely	\$150.00		
First Baptist	\$3,000.00	New Harmony	\$1,428.60		
Fredonia	\$2,831.00	New Hope	\$1,033.88		
Glenfield	\$750.00	Northside	\$152.80		
Harmony	\$300.00	Oak Hill	\$30.00		
Hillcrest	\$250.00	Old Oak Grove	\$1,069.88		
Ingomar	\$2,652.87	Parks	\$742.67		

*We encourage every member church to give
to the missions and ministries of the UCBA.*