

Study Guide: 8-24-25 - Three Questions

Overview

This sermon, "Beyond - Three Questions," encourages believers to step into God's promises by overcoming fear and the unknown. "Beyond" represents spiritual growth, purpose, or blessings that require action—either drawing them near or going to them. Drawing from the pastor's experience planting Freedom Church in Dayton around 2020, it uses biblical "go" commands (e.g., Noah, Abraham) to frame three essential questions: Are you willing? Are you able? Do you trust Him? The message emphasizes faith over fear, obedience without conditions, and reliance on God's grace.

Key Scriptures

- Luke 5:1-11 (Peter's call and miraculous catch)
- Hebrews 11:1 (Faith as certainty in the unseen)
- John 6:60-68 (Disciples deserting Jesus; Peter's commitment)
- Revelation 3:15-20 (Lukewarm faith rebuked; Jesus at the door)
- John 6:44 (Drawn by the Father)
- John 3:16 (God's love and eternal life)
- 2 Peter 1:3 (God provides everything for godly living)
- Philippians 4:19 (God supplies all needs)
- Psalm 103:14 (God knows our frailty)
- Jeremiah 17:5-8 (Trust in man vs. trust in God)
- Matthew 25:21 (Parable of the Talents: Faithfulness in small things)

Main Points

1. **Are You Willing?**
Step out in faith without demanding miracles or full details from God. Avoid "if only" deals that limit vision. Willingness chooses obedience over fear, leading to growth rather than stagnation.
2. **Are You Able?**
Acknowledge inadequacies—God fills gaps with "Walk Around Grace." He equips and provides, but overextension (e.g., finances, time) hinders responsiveness. Prioritize: Jesus, spouse, family, others for stewardship.
3. **Do You Trust Him?**
Trust is a choice, proven by actions in the unknown. It underpins willingness and ability. Self-trust leads to barrenness; God-trust yields fruitfulness, unaffected by understanding.

Reflection Questions

- What is your personal "beyond" (e.g., purpose, forgiveness, deeper faith)? What fears are keeping you from it?
- Which of the three questions challenges you most, and why?
- Where have you made "deals" with God? How do they reflect your trust level?
- In what areas of life are you overextended, and how does it affect your ability to obey God?
- Review Jeremiah 17:5-8: Do your actions show trust in God or self?

Application

- **Pray:** Ask God to reveal barriers and grant courage for your next step (e.g., obedience in tithing, serving, or forgiving).

- **Assess and Act:** Evaluate overextension; take one step to realign priorities (e.g., budget, set boundaries). Use www.freedomdl.com/help for support.
- **Commit:** Choose trust by acting on a Holy Spirit prompt today—start a business, get baptized, or surrender an unsundered area.
- **Daily Goal:** One step better than yesterday; journal progress to build faith.