

Let's Do Difficult I Am Sending You!

Exodus 3:10 (NIV®)

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Why Difficult Assignments?

Let's (Let us) Do Difficult?

Very often, the best things are on the "other side of difficult".

If the objective is "dwell in the kingdom of easy" you will forfeit much of life's best!

"If something is important enough, even if the odds are against you, you should still do it." — *Elon Musk*

"Do or do not. There is no try." — *Yoda*

I. Stop Trying, Start Training

1 Corinthians 9:24–25 (NIV®)

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

II. Realigning our Thoughts (as Christians)

A. Transformational vs Transactional

Luke 18:18–24, 26–30 (NIV®)

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"

²¹ "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!

. . . ²⁶ Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." ²⁸ **Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"**

²⁹ "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents

or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life.”

B. Biblical Prescription for Transformation

Romans 10:9–10 (NIV®)

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 6:11–14 (NIV®)

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

1 Corinthians 9:26–27 (NIV®)

²⁶ Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. ²⁷ No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

III. The Deception of “Easy”

A. The Temptation of Easy

Luke 4:5–7 (NIV®)

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

B. Let’s Do Difficult

Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV®)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Prayer

I choose Jesus as Lord of my life. I yield to the Lordship of Jesus of Nazareth—offering myself as a living sacrifice. Almighty God, forgive me all of my sins, for placing my will before Your will. Holy Spirit, help me to learn to say “yes” to You, grant me an understanding heart and the courage to follow You. Lead me away from temptation and deliver me from evil. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.