

Going Next Level

Respond Without Hesitation: Next Level Urgency

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Urgency = the quality or state of requiring immediate action or attention.

“Don’t let the _____ crowd out the important.” What if we viewed our relationship with God as urgent AND important?

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ¹ As God’s co-workers we **urge** you not to receive God’s grace in vain. ² For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, **now** is the time of God’s favor, **now** is the day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 5:21-6:2, NIV**

¹ At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. ² He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. **Acts 10:1-2, NIV**

CrossWalk is committed to teaching the Bible’s words and promises so that the Holy Spirit will transform people into _____ followers of Christ who don’t hesitate to take the _____ step in faith.

Those next steps are:

- **Connect with Jesus (Faith)**
- **Build meaningful relationships (Fellowship)**
- **Grow into a mature reliance on God (Discipleship)**
- **Develop fully our talents to serve God (Service)**
- **Honor God completely with our whole life (Worship)**
- **Share the way of eternal life with others (Outreach)**

³ One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who **came to him** and said, “Cornelius!” ⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?”

he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea. **Acts 10:3-6, NIV**

God loves us so much that He is willing to meet us where we are and take us to the next level. Sometimes we hesitate because we are afraid or unclear about God’s will. When this happens, follow this method to discern God’s will:

- **S** _____
- **O** _____
- **A** _____
- **P** _____

This will help us discern God’s will by asking:

- **Is this _____?**
- **Does this show _____?**
- **Is this good _____?**

⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. ⁸ He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa. **Acts 10:7-8, NIV**

There is _____ to act because there is an _____ to bring Jesus to those lost in sin. The ripple effect of the gospel continues each time we _____ what Jesus has done for us.

MEMORY VERSE

² Now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.
2 Corinthians 6:2, NIV

My next step: I will live with urgency and not hesitate to take the next step in my faith journey as I seek to obey God’s will and share Jesus’ love.

What’s your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.