

## I'm Crazy Enough to Obey – Bible Study

### Joshua 6:1-5 (NASB)

**1** Now Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in.

**2** But the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have handed Jericho over to you, with its king and the valiant warriors.

**3** And you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days.

**4** Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

**5** It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight ahead.”

### Joshua 6:15-16 (NASB)

**15** Then on the seventh day they rose early at the dawning of the day and marched around the city in the same manner seven times; only on that day they marched around the city seven times.

**16** At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city.

What is Biblical Fasting?

**“Biblical fasting is refraining from food for the spiritual purpose of bringing yourself into a deeper, more intimate and powerful relationship with the Lord.” – Pastor Jentezen Franklin**

Someone said, “You guys are crazy, to fast for 21 days.” Yes, and people thought Noah was crazy when he built an ark. They thought Abraham was crazy with his old self, for telling everybody he would be the father of many nations. They thought Mary was really crazy for thinking she was a pregnant virgin, whose son would be the Messiah. They all had one thing in

common. They were just crazy enough to believe in God and act in obedience to His Word.

When Joshua and the Children of Israel marched around the walls one time for 6 days, that seemed crazy. But it seemed really crazy, when on the 7<sup>th</sup> day they marched around 7 times. On the 7<sup>th</sup> time Joshua gave them the craziest instruction of all. He said, "Shout for the Lord has given you the city." They obeyed, and they saw a miracle. With this in mind, let's examine: **I'm Crazy Enough To Obey**

### **Exodus 33:18-20 (MSG)**

**18 Moses said, "Please. Let me see your Glory."**

**19 God said, "I will make my Goodness pass right in front of you; I'll call out the name, God, right before you. I'll treat well whomever I want to treat well and I'll be kind to whomever I want to be kind."**

**20 God continued, "But you may not see my face. No one can see me and live."**

Obedience causes you to see what no one else can. Moses had radically crazy obedience. When God said it, Moses did it. Moses had the Red Sea in front of him, one million plus people following him and the Egyptian army chasing them. Then God said, "**Raise up your stick and tell the people they're going to be delivered.**" He did it. A little later, we see God allowing Moses to see Him. He was able to have an intimate relationship with God like no one else.

#### **1. Crazy obedience increases vision.**

### **Matthew 14:24-29 (NLT)**

**24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves.**

**25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.**

**26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"**

**27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!”**

**28 Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”**

**29 “Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.**

Obedience causes you to do what no one else can. There are laws in existence natural and spiritual. Spiritual laws are higher than natural laws. Everybody knows that men and women cannot walk on water. Crazy obedience produces miracles. Peter put Jesus on the spot. He said, “If it’s really you, tell me to walk on water with you.” He was crazy enough to obey Jesus and he got out of the boat and walked on water. **STOP ALLOWING PEOPLE TO TELL YOU WHAT CAN’T BE DONE.** Just obey God.

## **2. Crazy obedience produces miracles.**

### **Genesis 39:6-10 (NLT)**

**6 So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn’t worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat! Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man,**

**7 and Potiphar’s wife soon began to look at him lustfully. “Come and sleep with me,” she demanded.**

**8 But Joseph refused. “Look,” he told her, “my master trusts me with everything in his entire household.**

**9 No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.”**

**10 She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible.**

Obedience causes you to go where no one else can. Obeying God often initially seems unfair. The opportunities of God often present themselves and unfair exchanges. After all, Joseph was a slave. He was being held against his will. And yet, he kept his integrity before God. Potifer’s wife lies

on him. And, he is sent to prison. The prison is the doorway to the palace. In one day, Joseph goes from prison to the palace 2<sup>nd</sup> in command.

### **3. Crazy obedience erases boundaries.**

**1 Kings 17:10-15 (NLT)**

**10 So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, “Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?”**

**11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, “Bring me a bite of bread, too.”**

**12 But she said, “I swear by the Lord your God that I don’t have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die.”**

**13 But Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you’ve said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what’s left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son.**

**14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!”**

**15 So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days.**

Obedience causes you to receive what no one else can. Everyone was in a drought. Everyone was in a famine. God sends Elijah to someone who didn’t have enough provision for herself. She was given a crazy, seeminly unfair instruction. She was crazy enough to obey. She triggered the supernatural supply of God. **IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE LIKE NO ONE ELSE, OBEY GOD LIKE NO ONE ELSE.**

### **4. Crazy obedience releases provision.**

**1 Kings 18:41-45 (NLT)**

**41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!”**

**42 So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees.**

**43 Then he said to his servant, “Go and look out toward the sea.”**

**The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, “I didn’t see anything.” Seven times Elijah told him to go and look.**

**44 Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, “I saw a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.” Then Elijah shouted, “Hurry to Ahab and tell him, ‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don’t hurry, the rain will stop you!’”**

**45 And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel.**

Obedience causes you to hear what no one else can. Your success in 2023 will be greatly dependent on your ability to hear God. Sometimes things can be dysfunctional for so long, that you feel like you’re never coming out. The drought had lasted so long, they thought it would last forever. **BUT ONE MAN OF GOD HEARD SOMETHING.** He heard from God and the drought soon ended.

## **5. Crazy obedience sharpens hearing.**

People thought Noah was crazy when he built an ark. They thought Abraham was crazy, for telling everybody he would be the father of many nations. They thought Mary was really crazy for thinking she was a pregnant virgin, whose son would be the Messiah. They all had one thing in common. They were just crazy enough to believe in God and act in obedience to His Word. Remember, radical obedience always produces the supernatural.