

**Kenmore Baptist Church Message Outline 22/11/15 PM (John Robertson)**  
**REVIVAL FOUNDATIONS - Abandonment**

The Command to be about the work of God and experience Him at work in our lives is very clear in scripture.

- A Clear Command to do the Impossible (Matthew 10:8)
- Not just for the Disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)
- We would do greater (John 14:12)

There is often a gap between the command and our reality

Many of us want God to speak to us and give us a God sized, revival based assignment. However are we interested in making the major adjustments that may be required in our lives?

Will we be abandoned to the cause of Christ?

Every time God spoke to people in the Scripture about something He wanted to do through them, major adjustments were necessary.

**ACTION = ADJUSTMENTS + OBEDIENCE**

When God speaks to you, revealing what He's about to do, the revelation is your invitation to adjust your life to Him.

Adjustments prepare you for obedience. You cannot continue life as usual or stay where you are, and go with God at the same time.

Even Jesus had to adjust His life in order to please the Father (2 Corinthians 8:9).

**The Rich Young Ruler Refused To Adjust - Luke 18:18-27**

The rich ruler wanted eternal life, but he didn't make the necessary adjustment to Jesus.

**Elisha Made the Major Adjustments - 1 Kings 19:19-21**

When Elisha made the necessary adjustments, he was in a position to obey God. As a result, God worked through Elisha to perform some of the greatest signs and miracles recorded in the Old Testament (2 Kings 2—13).

## What Kind Of Adjustments Are Required?

- *In your thinking*
- *In your commitments*
- *In your circumstances*
- *In your relationships*
- *In your actions*
- *In your beliefs*

Being able to place a title on an adjustment is not as important as your identifying what change God wants you to make to Him, His purposes, or His ways.

### **Absolute Abandonment**

God frequently requires adjustments in areas you have never considered in the past.

Because God loves you, His will is always best! Any adjustment God expects you to make is for your good.

## Total Dependence on God

The adjustment to being totally dependent on God requires moving from doing work *for God* according to your abilities, your gifts, your likes and dislikes, and your goals to being totally dependent *on God* and His working and His resources. This is a major adjustment! It is never easy to make.

Without God at work in you, you can do nothing to bear kingdom fruit. As you are crucified with Christ, He lives through you to accomplish His purposes by His grace. When God purposes to do something, He guarantees that it will come to pass. He is the One who will accomplish what He purposes to do. If you depend on anything other than God, you will be asking for failure in kingdom terms.

If you have not come to the place in your life where you have surrendered all to His lordship, decide today to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)*

### Discussion Questions

1. What type of adjustments did people in the Bible have to make?
2. Are you willing to make any adjustment necessary even before God shows you what the adjustments are?
3. In what areas of my life is God asking me to make adjustments? What adjustments have I already made? Why have I not made other adjustments?