



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: Exodus 7

Title: Just do it!

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Summary of Chapter

In this chapter, we see how God began to deal with Pharaoh and Egypt with the ten plagues, because Pharaoh refused to set the Israelites free. Even when God turned Aaron's staff into a snake and the Nile River into blood, Pharaoh still hardened his heart and was unimpressed with the miracles.

Key Verse(s) NLT

How does it speak to me?

⁶ So Moses and Aaron **did just as the Lord had commanded them.**

⁷ Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron was eighty-three when they made their demands to Pharaoh.

¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and **did what the Lord had commanded them.** Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a serpent!

²⁰ So Moses and Aaron **did just as the Lord commanded them.** As Pharaoh and all of his officials watched, Aaron raised his staff and struck the water of the Nile. Suddenly, the whole river turned to blood!

Three times, the Bible said that Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded them – first, to meet Pharaoh and demand him to free the Israelites; next, to turn the staff into a serpent; and thirdly, to strike the water of the Nile into blood. Each time, Moses and Aaron knew that Pharaoh's heart would become hardened as the Lord said, but they continued to do what God had commanded anyway. It was probably mockery to Moses and Aaron, when Pharaoh's magicians and sorcerers also did the same and turned their staff into snakes, and water into blood. It took great faith and obedience on Moses and Aaron part to just do it.

When God commands us to do something, do we just do it? Or for some reasons, we feel incompetent, hesitant, or reluctant to do it because it appears foolish or ineffective? Perhaps God is asking you today, to forgive a colleague, even when you are not in the wrong; or to share the Gospel with your difficult parents or relatives. What is stopping you? Let's have faith, and just do it. His power is made perfect in our weakness. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid because the Lord your God is with you.

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:

What are some reasons that hinder you from doing what God has commanded you to do? How do you think you can overcome all these hinderances and just do it?

Youth:

What are some things that God has already commanded you to do but you are hesitant to obey because of the fear of failure or what your friends will think of you?

Child:

On a scale of 1-10 with '10' being the most obedient, how obedient are you in obeying what God tells you to do? What needs to change to help you move up the scale? Commit the areas to the Lord.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for reminding us to carry out Your commands in faith and obedience, even when we do not see immediate results. Help us to overcome our weaknesses that prevent us from obeying Your commands, especially in the area of sharing the Gospel to our loved ones. Help us to be strong and courageous to do Your will, trusting that You are always with us and for us.

Thanksgiving Prayer:

I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer:

I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer:

I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day).
In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.