What Keeps You?

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INTRODUCTION

- When you know something is coming, when you believe it's real, you take preparations for it.
- The question is spiritually, do we really believe God when he says Jesus is coming again?
- My question would be why do you not just do what God says? Or to use the language of Acts chapter 8, what hinders or keeps you?

1 We Don't Feel Like We Know Enough

Isaiah 53; Acts 16:25–34; Luke 14

- And so you can't expect someone to do something they don't know.
- But he responded to what he had. And that's the pattern we see repeated.
- That God expects us to respond to what we know.
- Without Jesus we are lost. In Jesus, we have salvation and freedom from the bondage of sin.

2 Unwilling to Make the Commitment

Luke 9:23; John 12:42–43

- Some of us just wait because we're unwilling to make the commitment. And it is a heavy commitment.
- Many even of the authorities believed in him. But for fear of the Pharisees, they did not confess it. So they would not be put out of the synagogue.
- For they love the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.
- The cost of being wrong, of rejecting the one and only Savior, is much higher than any persecution or trouble that this world can offer.

3 We Honestly Don't Feel the Rush

James 4:13–17; Luke 15

- We honestly don't feel the rush.
- Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.
- So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.
- Our soul will be required of us. And if we don't act like it, we either are showing we don't believe it or we don't care.

4 Take God's Word Seriously

Acts 17; 2 Peter 3:3–7

- First of all, take God's word seriously.

- Taking the God's word seriously means one, I need to be willing to read it. But two, when I read what it says, I do it.
- The heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.
- We need to live as if judgment is coming because it is.

5 Don't Delay

Acts 16:30–33

- And he says, What must I do to be saved? And when Paul and Silas tell him, what does he do? He just says, Yes. I will do it.
- The Lord Jesus expects those who are in sin to be baptized, and those who are in sin who have been baptized to confess their sins to be forgiven.
- Don't delay. It's too serious.

6 Remove All Doubt

1 John 5:13–15

- I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.
- We should have certainty when we pray to God.
- We just need to have no doubt.
- Whether you're a Christian or not, I implore you, be right with God today.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Take the opportunity. Know that life is a vapor. Time passes just like that. Today is the day to make the angels in heaven rejoice.**

MY NOTES