



The Absurdity of God's Word

The title of this morning's sermon is inspired by some the absurd and highly unlikely-to-be-fulfilled *words* that God gave various men and women in Scripture.

God fulfills His word through Jesus Christ that He may be glorified while at the same time drawing us deeper into relationship with Him.

Absurd identifies our moral response to His word. Absurd in the sense that within the realm of all our logic - we see no way of this ever happening.

A mind-shift from God to the mountain in front of us. We see the magnitude of the mountain.

"The glory of Christ will inevitably and always outweigh the weight of our current situation."

The thought of the day:

Amidst the

- deep frustrations of financial strains.
- Amidst the pain caused by the loss of a loved one.
- Chaos. Pain. Hopelessness.

"Each and every situation that we face presents itself as an open invitation to intimacy with the Father".

1. A nation redeemed

1.1 Exodus 3: 7-10 – The Word.

"Then the Lord said,

"I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians "

1.2 The word reconfirmed

Exodus 13:9 – 14

"And Moses said to the people,

Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent "

Moses' Response	The People's Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembered the burning bush moment. Did not look at the circumstances. Did not allow people to influence him. Trusted the Word of deliverance given. Obedied God's prompting. Trusted God completely. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They saw the 600 choice chariots. "all of the rest of Egypt's chariots". They instantly became slaves again. They reflected on what they deserved, not what was promised. Forgot the about the cloud right above them. Forgot about the Angel in the cloud.

2. Gideon and 300 Trumpets

2.1 Judges 6:11-12

"11 Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites. 12 The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty warrior:"

- Gideon called to save Israel from the hand of the Midianites.

Gideon's "Mountain":

- Part of the weakest clan in Mannasseh.
- "I am the least in my family"
- 32000 men to 10 000 men to 300 Men.
- Not with swords but with trumpets.
- Midianites were 120 000 men.

I'm not a Geologist but that looks like a pretty big mountain to scale.

Gideon's response:

- He entered twice into the secret place. Enquiring from God.
- He obeyed the absurd promptings to let go of 31 700 men.
- Gideon worshipped God before the battle.

The glorious Absurdity of Jesus Christ:

- Glorious – It is only through Jesus that God fulfills His word. It is Jesus that gets the glory and who glorifies the Father.
- The greatest Word ever fulfilled is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- No sweeter or more glorious word has ever been fulfilled.

The glorious Absurdity of Jesus Christ:

Isaiah 25: 7 – 8

"7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces"

John 20:31

"But these are written so that you may come to believed that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

Glorious intimacy:

- Absurd words given to glorify Jesus Christ.
- Given to draw us closer into the Father's heart.
- Given to draw us deeper into dependence.
- Requires patience.
- Allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us.
- Total and utter reliance on the Father.

Let's Pray