

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 glorifed 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.

"<u>Each and every situation that we face presents itself as</u> 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

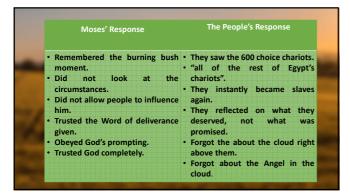
know their sufferings, I have come down to deliver them out
of the hand of the Egyptians"

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 "





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 | John 20:31 |

"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"

"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 glorfiy Jesus Christ.
- Given to draw us closer into the Father's heart.
- Given to draw us deeper into dependance.
- Requires patience.
- Allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us.
- Total and utter reliance on the Father.

