

## THE BIG "IF" #2

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*"I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore, I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws." Psalm 119:104-106 NIV*

### PROVIDES MY \_\_\_\_\_

*"They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority." Luke 4:32 NIV*

*"Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work."*

*John 14:10 NIV*

### FORMS MY \_\_\_\_\_

*"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:17*

### PRODUCES MY \_\_\_\_\_

*And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." John 4:41-42 NIV*

## THE BIG IF ... JESUS ON BELIEVING

*"Have mercy on us and help us, if you can."*

*"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:22-24 NLT*

## BELIEVING MEANS \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Matthew 21:21-22 NIV*

*When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." Matthew 8:5-10 NIV*

## BELIEVING MEANS \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12 NIV*

*"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:14-15 NIV*

## BELIEVING MEANS \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it." Matthew 16:24-25 NIV*

## **BELIEVING MEANS \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:15-18*

*“But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 21:32 NIV*

### **THE BATTLE TO BELIEVE**

*“We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIV*

*“For as he thinks within himself, so he is.” Proverbs 23:7 NASB*

### **FOR DISCUSSION**

**HOW DOES THE AUTHORITY OF SOMEONE’S WORDS AFFECT YOUR RESPONSE TO THOSE WORDS?**

**WHEN DO YOU FIND YOURSELF STRUGGLING WITH DOUBT IN YOUR COMMITMENT TO GOD?**

**WHICH ASPECT OF “BELIEVING” HAS IMPACTED YOUR LIFE THE MOST? WHY?**

**WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE IS YOUR BELIEF IN JESUS CALLING FOR A CHANGE OF DIRECTION?**