

The Five R's – Season 2 Part 6

Be Ready: Preparing for Testimony, Service, and Spiritual Victory

Key Scripture: James 1:22

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

Introduction

One of the greatest characteristics God desires in His people is readiness. God is looking for believers who are prepared, available, and willing to act when opportunities arise.

Being ready is more than possessing knowledge. It is being prepared spiritually, mentally, and practically so that when God opens a door, we are equipped to walk through it.

This lesson uses a personal testimony of God's faithfulness and transitions into a powerful truth:

God wants His people to be ready with answers, solutions, faith, and action.

I. A Testimony of Faith and God's Faithfulness

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

The testimony presented in this lesson centered around believing God for vacation pay that initially appeared unavailable. Prayer was offered, faith was exercised, and eventually the expected provision arrived. What was once unseen became visible.

Lessons from the Testimony

1. Faith Gives Substance to Hope

Faith is not wishful thinking.

Faith takes hold of God's promises before they are visible.

- Hope says, "I want this."
- Faith says, "I believe I have received it."

2. Faith Sees Before the Eyes See

Before the check arrived, faith already saw God's provision.

Faith does not wait for evidence.

Faith becomes the evidence.

3. God Confirms His Word

Mark 16:20

"The Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

God still confirms His Word.

The sign may not always be dramatic.

Sometimes the sign is:

- A financial breakthrough
- A healed relationship
- An answered prayer
- A door opening
- Divine protection

When we obey God's Word, He works with us.

Application

Ask yourself:

- What promise am I standing on?
- What am I believing for?
- Am I allowing faith to become the substance of my hope?

II. Build a Spiritual Arsenal

The lesson emphasized the importance of developing both:

A Memory Verse Arsenal

A collection of scriptures stored in your heart and mind.

A Character Arsenal

A proven history of applying God's Word.

Both are essential because opportunities often arrive unexpectedly.

Why Build These Arsenals?

You may only have:

- Ten seconds to encourage someone.
- One conversation to point someone toward Christ.
- One opportunity to offer hope.

God wants us prepared.

1 Peter 3:15

"Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you."

People need answers.

When we do not know the answer, we should know where to find it.

III. What Does It Mean to Be Ready?

The definition given:

Ready: Prepared mentally or physically for immediate action and use.

Natural Examples

- A gun loaded with bullets.
- A sword in its sheath.
- A bow with arrows.
- A cook with ingredients.
- A gardener with tools.

These illustrate preparedness.

But believers must go further.

We must become spiritually prepared.

IV. Five Areas of Spiritual Readiness

1. Know the Manual

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to show yourself approved unto God.

God's Word is our instruction manual.

A prepared believer studies the Word consistently.

Without knowledge of Scripture, we lack direction.

2. Develop a Fruitful Prayer Life

Prayer is our communication system.

This includes:

- Praying in our understanding
- Praying in the Spirit

Prayer keeps us connected to heaven.

A ready believer maintains communication with God.

3. Wear the Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God.

Armor provides protection.

An unprotected believer becomes vulnerable to deception and attack.

A ready believer remains spiritually protected.

4. Use Your Delegated Authority

Jesus has given believers authority over the works of darkness.

Luke 10:19

Behold, I give unto you power...

A ready believer knows how to stand against the enemy.

We are not called merely to defend ourselves but also to advance God's Kingdom.

5. Walk in Obedience

All preparation is useless without obedience.

James 1:22

Be doers of the word.

Knowledge without action produces little fruit.

The key word in this lesson is:

DOER

If we stop doing, growth stops.

If we stop obeying, progress stops.

If we stop applying, transformation stops.

V. Ready, Set, Go!

The lesson compares the Christian life to a race.

"On your marks..."

Preparation.

"Get set..."

Readiness.

"Go!"

Action.

Many believers spend years getting ready but never going.

Jesus commanded:

Mark 16:15

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel."

The Gospel was never intended to stay inside church walls.

We must:

- Go with truth.
 - Go with power.
 - Go with compassion.
 - Go with confidence.
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VI. Go with the Fullness of the Gospel

Romans 15:29

"I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

Paul did not come with partial truth.

He came with the fullness of the Gospel.

As believers:

- We cannot pick and choose scriptures.
- We cannot remove truths that make us uncomfortable.
- We must embrace the whole counsel of God.

The fullness of God's Word produces the fullness of God's blessing.

VII. Preparation Comes Before Ministry

Matthew 28:18-20

Before Jesus sent the disciples, He instructed them.

Before ministry comes preparation.

Before preaching comes discipleship.

Before influence comes maturity.

God is more interested in who we are becoming than how quickly we can perform.

VIII. Always Be Ready

The Greek word translated "ready" carries the idea of preparation and preparedness.

Matthew 24:44

Be ready.

Acts 21:13

I am ready.

1 Peter 3:15

Always be ready.

A prepared believer is:

- Ready to serve.
- Ready to sacrifice.
- Ready to answer.
- Ready to obey.
- Ready to represent Christ.

IX. Be Ready in Your Thought Life

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

One of the greatest battlegrounds is the mind.

We must be prepared to identify:

- Wrong thinking
- Imaginations
- Arguments against God's truth
- Strongholds
- Deception

The enemy often attacks through thoughts before actions.

Spiritual Weapons

God has given us weapons to:

- Cast down imaginations.
- Capture thoughts.
- Destroy strongholds.
- Bring every thought into obedience to Christ.

A believer who is unprepared mentally becomes vulnerable spiritually.

A believer prepared with God's Word can stand firm.

Conclusion: Be Ready to Do

The goal of this lesson is not simply readiness.

The goal is readiness that leads to action.

God wants believers who:

- Believe His promises.
- Build spiritual arsenals.
- Study His Word.
- Pray effectively.
- Wear spiritual armor.
- Use their authority.
- Walk in obedience.
- Guard their thoughts.
- Go into the world.

Final Challenge

Ask yourself:

- Am I ready spiritually?
- Am I ready with God's Word?
- Am I ready to answer someone in need?
- Am I ready to obey immediately?
- Am I ready to go wherever God sends me?

The prepared believer becomes the effective believer.

Faith believes.

Preparation equips.

Obedience activates.

God confirms His Word with signs following.

Main Theme: *Be ready—not merely to hear God's Word, but to do it.*

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