

UNDERSTANDING HOW TO BE FIT FOR THE MASTERS USE Handout #3

1. **The greatest desire we can have in life is to be useful to Jesus. You need to be “fit,” and prepared to be used by God and ready for every good work He has planned for you.**
 - a. We are vessels that need to be fit and prepared for God’s use and every good work (2 Timothy 2:20-21).
 - b. We are to be constantly engaged in the contest of faith with excellent and beautiful technique (1 Timothy 6:12, Wuest).
 - c. Some people have disengaged from the fight of faith. It’s time to re-engage—to live, talk and walk by faith.
 - d. Be intent on making an impact, and becoming fit for the Master’s use.
 - e. When you are doing what God has called you to do, it is satisfying and blessed. Get prepared for every good work. There is no greater work, than to do what God has called you to do.
 - f. Ask yourself these questions: Are you fit? Can God use you? Are you in shape, ready for the work?
 - g. Abraham was heir to the world, because he had mastered the basics of faith (Romans 4:13-20, NKJV).
 - h. There was no law separating Abraham and God. The only communication they had was God giving Abraham His Word, and Abraham believing God and living in faith.
 - i. Abraham didn’t waver at God’s promises, even though in the natural, they were impossible. He simply believed God. That’s all we have to do!
 - j. You are called by God, and He has a grace and an anointing on your life to do something in this world for Him—to have an impact on the world!
 - k. Remember God’s plans for us are for our good (Jeremiah 29:11).
2. **Our trust in God produces powerful results. Every action brings about a corresponding consequence, for good or bad.**
 - a. Answering God’s call requires the courage to leave behind what is comfortable. (Matthew 14:22-36) (MSG)
 - b. Jesus challenged Peter when He called him to get out of the boat and walk to Him. Although all of the disciples were in the boat, Peter was the only one who responded.
 - c. Getting out of the boat and moving out of our comfort zone requires faith.
 - d. Using our faith like a tool helps us to grow and develop.
 - e. It is up to us to decide whether to stay where we are with no change, or get out of the boat and do something different and uncomfortable.
 - F. Jesus was a man of purpose and vision who understood the power of intentionally doing something. Therefore, He insisted that the disciples board the boat.

g. The reason He ordered them into the boat was not so that they would remain where they were and drown, but so that they would get to the other side.

h. We must be willing to take a risk and actually get into the boat, not just stand at a distance and look at it. We need to get involved with where God wants us to go.

i. When we get out of our boats, God tells us not to be afraid. The world will react negatively when we follow His directions; however, we must know exactly what we are supposed to do so that we will not be moved by others' opinions.

J. Peter never would have walked on water if he had not first stepped out of the boat. He made up his mind to get out of his comfort zone.

g. We cannot look around at our circumstances like Peter did. It is okay to be informed, but we cannot get bogged down with details. We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

h. Stepping out to answer God's call takes courage; we need to face our fears head on. Spectators will be watching; what they will see is the power of God on our lives

3. **If we shrink back in fear when we hear from God, we limit what He can do in our lives**

a. Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel (Psalm 78:41).

b. Lot's wife also turned back (Genesis 19:26). She may have done so out of dread of leaving what was behind.

c. If we turn back, we limit what God can do in our lives. We must not turn back; sometimes we need to let go to go forward.

d. When we find ourselves in confusing circumstances, we must trust in what God says to do, regardless of the discomfort.

e. This is how we maintain our peace and allow Him to work in our lives.

4. **We can trust that God will lead us in the right direction.**

a. He is well able to do what He said he would do. God is not a man, that He should lie (Numbers 23:19).

b. We limit God by not having a vision, fearing the unknown, thinking small, being unwilling to take risks, refusing to step out in faith, and staying in the boat because we are afraid of change.

c. Before we step out of the boat, we need not just any vision, but God's vision. Otherwise, we will not know our assignment from Him.

d. We must be like Paul, who was not disobedient to the heavenly vision (Acts 26:19).

e. We are changed on the inside when we rely on God to bring us out of a situation; we come out stronger than before.

f. God is a protector. He is able to deliver us the same way He delivered

Jonah from the fish, Daniel from the lions' den, and Paul from the serpent.

g. Viruses and sicknesses are working to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). However, God is a covenant-keeping God, even during a pandemic.

We must have faith in this.

h. Good health from God is stronger than sickness from the enemy

i. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound (Romans 5:20).

j. We must decide what we are going to focus our minds on: the law of sin and death, or the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:2)