

The Plumbline

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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

How is it with your soul?

We are given marching orders throughout God's Word. We see where the Children of Israel were given marching orders to follow the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Then in the *Message* this month, we read where they were given the Ark of the Covenant to follow. The Ark of the Covenant, being the presence of the Lord God Almighty, is what we are to follow. The Ark is a type of Jesus Christ, and, as born again believers in Jesus Christ, we are given marching orders to follow Him in our daily lives. **Go After It!**

Jesus says to us in the Old and New Testament, "...be ye holy; for I am holy" (Lev 11.44, 45; 1 P 1.16). He is holy God!

Plumbline: Ephesians 4.22-24

... put off ... the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Do you seek to claim your inheritance in Christ Jesus – to **abide** in Him?

You must **Go After It!**

You may ask, "How?" And, what of the "Jordan Rivers"?

After accepting Jesus as Savior, continue walking with Him, keeping your heart right with God – not doubting, grumbling, or rebelling as did the Israelites. Instead, remember God's goodness, worship and praise Him, giving Him glory and honor; let this be your constant communion with Him.

It is imperative that you spend time in prayer, worship, and reading the Word of God – feasting on the Word until it becomes your store of food for the journey. Jesus said that He will never leave you nor forsake you (Heb 13.5); He will be with you through every obstacle, through every test, trial, or temptation – and every failure, when you repent and call upon Him.

When Satan puts temptation in front of you, let your first response be to seek the presence of the Lord; find the "Ark" of His presence and **Go After It**. When you need encouragement, reach for the Word of God, and **Go After It**. God's Word is life for His people. When there is loss and grief and you need comfort from the Lord, **Go After It**; He will wrap His arms around you and hold you close in His love. When you falter and sin and need God's mercy and forgiveness, **Go After It** – with a heartfelt cry of repentance. When you are ill, feel forsaken, or struggle with fear, your answer is in Jesus Christ. When you have almost lost your way, find God's hand reaching out to you, and **Go After It**.

As you walk with Jesus Christ, continuously trusting Him for all your needs and for the crossing of every "Jordan River" that confronts you, you will find yourself coming to know Him more intimately each day, your heart beginning to meld with His as you **abide** in Him.

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.