

Faith Scenarios

Just Walking in the Rain

The weather forecast for Monday called for heavy rains all over the city. Jim had lost his umbrella and, when he heard the forecast on Sunday night, he immediately thought of the long walk from his assigned parking space at work to the office building. He had a meeting with his supervisor's boss and wanted to look his best for the meeting. Being rain-draggled was not in the picture by a long shot. So he decided to pray: "Heavenly Father, I ask in the Name of Jesus that on Monday morning there will be no rain, so that I will not get wet as I walk from my car to the office."

However, as he pulled into his parking spot on Monday morning, rain like a torrential downpour was still pounding the car. What should Jim do or say?

- a) I guess that my prayer did not work.
- b) Command the rain to stop falling.
- c) Decide that it must not be God's will and go to buy a new umbrella.
- d) Thank the Lord that no rain will fall on him and step out of the car.
- e) Remind the Lord of his prayer and pray in tongues until it stops.
- f) Affirm until it stops raining: "In the Name of Jesus, it is not raining."

FAITH SCENARIOS IMPACT of Your CHOICES

UP SIDE (PROS)	DOWN SIDE (CONS)
Answer to your prayer	Risk of failure
Testimony	Price to pay
Draw closer to Jesus	Walking by sight
Pass the “lab” test	Walking by 5 senses (the devil’s playground)
Grow level to level	Preparing for “Plan B” (which cancels your prayer)
From glory to glory	Motivated by fear
Strengthen your faith	

BENEFITS of JOURNEY (Process)	BENEFITS of DESTINATION (Manifestation)
More important than destination	Receive confirmation to the answer to your prayer, which is always a physical / natural blessing.
If pass lab test, move on	
If fail lab test, must take again and again till pass. This delays the process of obtaining the manifestation by faith (e.g., not having to use pain killers).	
Journey strengthens spirituality	
Step by step	
Strengthens your faith	

God gives clear choices / options:

Without FAITH it is impossible to please God.
 God has no pleasure in our drawing back (FEAR).

Heb 11:6
 Heb 10:38

The JOURNEY is more important than the DESTINATION. The answer to the prayer (the MANIFESTATION) is not as important as the spiritual benefits and strengths gained during the JOURNEY of FAITH in attaining the MANIFESTATION.

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To Go or Not to Go: That Is the Question

John had been invited to church by his good friend Bill. John went and loved it so much that he committed before God to attend that church every week, and he was true to his word, becoming a regular attendee.

However, a few months later, his unsaved (or barely saved) family planned to have a birthday party for him on the same day and at the same time as the church service, even though they knew about his church attendance, and – guess what?! – it wasn’t even the day of his birthday, but the family felt it was a good day when all of the family could easily come together to celebrate. What should John do?

<p>a) Attend the family gathering for his birthday celebration because he felt that it would not be a good example of Christian love not to attend.</p>	<p>d) John tells his family that he has another commitment and attends church as usual.</p>
<p>b) Show appreciation to his family by attending the party, knowing that he could attend church the next week.</p>	<p>e) John asks his family to reschedule the birthday party for another day and reminded them that he had a standing commitment on that day and that time; and so he goes to church as planned.</p>
<p>c) John tells his family that he has another commitment but, because he loves them, he would skip church to attend the party.</p>	<p>f) John says to his family, “ I appreciate all the planning for my party, but the best birthday present for me would be for you to come to church with me.” They declined, so he went to church by himself.</p>