

## CHOOSE FAITH Week 6 “Making a Great Reception Part 2” Believers Statesboro 10-15-17

*Matthew 21:22 “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” (NIV)*

Believe and Receive! There is an art to receiving!

An ill-prepared receiver will make even the best quarterback look bad. We, like the football receiver, need to learn to run the proper pattern to get ourselves in a position to receive all that God has for us.

### How to make a great reception

1. **It’s through faith and patience that we catch the ball.**
2. **Keep calling the plays.**
3. **Keep your life free from the distraction of sin.**
4. **Always give your best.**
5. **Be faithful to the team.**
6. **Realize God uses people. You are on a team.**

God is still the source, but many times He works through people.

*Luke 6:38 (KJV) “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”*

*Ephesians 2:10 For we are (God’s People are) God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**NEXT LIFE STEP: This week think about and list the times in your life where God has given to you through other people.**

7. **Know the game plan.** Get God’s plan on what you should be doing. Wait or step out?

Don’t make the mistake that Abram made with Hagar. (*Genesis 16*).

He took matters into his own hands, and the world still suffers the consequences today.

- Abraham’s promise took 25 years to come about. That is a long time. If we had to wait that long, would we get impatient and start thinking of ways to help God out?
- Make sure you get direction from the Holy Spirit before you try to take matters into your own hands, in an attempt to “make something happen.”

8. **Get into the game.** Do something to release your faith (plant a seed).

- Some of you are never going to receive the ball, because you Choose to sit on the bench.
- This isn’t taking matters into your own hands or trying to force God to do something.
- This is showing God your faith and taking action upon your faith.

Look at your “**Needs List**” that we have been developing.

- By now, you should have recorded your needs and searched for promises found in The Word of God for each of those needs.
- In our “Faith Talk” Lesson, we learned to speak the Word of God over those needs confessing the promises of God over each need.
- Now, ask the Holy Spirit if there are any **actions or steps of faith** that you need to take concerning any of those needs.

*Are you sowing seeds of faith? Are you choosing faith!*

**NEXT LIFE STEP: This week I will look at my Need/Promise List and take action according to those promises. I will sow some seeds of faith!**

9. **Be alert and watchful for opportunities that come your way.**

The quarterback normally has several players that he can throw the ball to if they are open.

A covered man may cause him to throw the ball to you!

A ball can be tipped by a defensive lineman or safety and suddenly there is the ball!

Don’t be afraid to ask, inquire, and investigate as you are sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

- I heard of a man who once said, “I’m believing God to meet my financial needs, but all I keep getting is good job offers!
- Another man once complained about people asking him to do things at the church when all he wanted was to be left alone so that he could have time to do something for God!
- The young man who wants to be a Youth Pastor but would not work with our youth.
- The young man that wants to be a worship leader but wouldn’t even come to the church and inquire about the job. (Or those that want lead on the stage, but won’t serve the children.)

Beth Moore was a Sunday School teacher for years before she was a National speaker!  
Golden Opportunities! They are all around you! Watch for the open doors and windows of opportunity.

**NEXT LIFE STEP: Is there something that you know God has asked you to do, but you haven't done it yet? Do it! CHOOSE Faith!**

10. **Be bold and make the catch.**  
Be bold to step out and take your miracle.

Your number has been called, the game is on the line, and you have to be strong and do whatever it takes to catch the ball.

Notice the tenacity of some of the people in the Bible that were seeking a miracle from Jesus!  
They realized that there comes a time when you press in and don't shy away.

We just looked at *Mark 2:1-5*, where friends lowered a paralytic man through a roof in order to see Jesus. After this bold, if not pushy plan, what were the results of their actions?

*Mark 2:11-12*

- 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."  
12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

### ***Bold Great Catches!***

- **The Leper - Luke 5:12-13**

*Luke 5:12-13 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."<sup>13</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.*

- **Jairus - Luke 8:40-42 & 49-56**

*Luke 8:40-42 Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.<sup>41</sup> Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house<sup>42</sup> because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.*

She died, and Jesus brought her back to life!

- **The woman with a bleeding problem - Luke 8:43-48**

*Luke 8:43-48 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.<sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.<sup>45</sup> "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."<sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."<sup>47</sup> Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.<sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."*

- **Ten men with leprosy - Luke 17:11-16**

*Luke 17:12-16 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance<sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.<sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.*

- **The persistent widow - Luke 18:1-8**

*Luke 18:1-8 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.<sup>2</sup> He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.<sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'<sup>4</sup> "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think,<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.<sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?<sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"*

- **The blind beggar - Luke 18:35-43**

*Luke 18:35-43 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."  
<sup>38</sup> He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup> Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."  
<sup>43</sup> Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.*

- **Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-9**

*Luke 19:1-9 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. (a see more of Him tree) <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."  
<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.*

***Do you have the boldness and tenacity to make the catch?***

***Do you have what it takes to receive all that God has for you?***

***When it comes to believing and receiving, I want us all to go to the pro bowl!***

**Life App Group and Family Devotional Application**

1. What promises, concerning your need, are you standing in faith on and speaking over your need?
2. Now, concerning your Need/Promise List, what ACTION are you going to take to receive from God?
3. Can you share a past experience when you had to BOLDY make the catch to receive from God?
4. What Golden Opportunities are available to you today to begin to walk in God's promises for your life?
5. Of the last five receiving suggestions given, which are you strongest on and which are your weakest?