



**WORDS TO FIND:**

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| Abraham | Hagar  | Paul    |
| Balak   | Isaiah | Quartus |
| Caleb   | Jesus  | Rachael |
| David   | Korah  | Samson  |
| Eleazar | Levi   | Tamar   |
| Felix   | Mary   | Unni    |
| Gabriel | Naomi  | Vashti  |
|         | Obed   | Zadok   |

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**I Need The Quiet**

Author Unknown

*I needed the quiet, so He took me  
aside  
Into the shadows where we could  
confide;  
Away from the bustle, where all the  
day long, I hurried and worried when  
active and strong.  
  
I needed the quiet, though at first I  
rebelled,  
But gently, so gently, the cross He  
upheld,  
And whispered so sweetly of*

*spiritual things.  
Though weakened in body, my  
spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of  
when active and gay.  
He loved me so greatly He  
drew me away.  
  
I needed the quiet, no prison,  
my sick bed,  
But a beautiful valley of  
blessing instead,  
A place to grow richer, in  
Jesus to hide –  
I needed the quiet, so He took  
me aside.*

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**A Change in Plans**

By Bill Brinkworth

One mistake, no matter how small or insignificant we think it is, can change a life's direction. A promising future can be changed by a wrong decision or action. The Bible tells of such a decision in the family of Aaron.

Aaron, the high priest of Israel and brother of Moses, had four sons. The firstborn, Nadab, had the most promising future. The second born son, Abihu, also had a future hope of being used by God. Surely, their father had big expectations for them. Their duties of assisting and being future high priests in serving God could have been offered to none but Aaron's sons. God had even invited Nadab and Abihu to come along with Moses,



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**I Would Get Saved, But ...**

By Barbara Brinkworth

The good news is that all can be saved from an eternity in hell. The bad news is that not all are saved. Man uses many excuses to avoid getting saved. All excuses are flimsy. Here are just a few of them.

☞ **I would get saved, but I do not think I can hold onto my salvation.** The person who believes this has believed the lie that he has to "keep himself" saved. It is God who holds on to us, not the other way around.

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."* John 10:27-28

☞ **I would get saved, but I will do it later.** How do you know you have a "later"? You have no promise of tomorrow, or even your next breath.

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## A Change in Plans

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Aaron and 70 elders to meet with Him. Many times they were mentioned as being there when great things happened for the people of Israel. They had plans for their tomorrow.

Disobedience to what we would consider a small commandment of God changed their whole life. They were told to light their incense censers (a small vessel used to burn incense in the tabernacle) with fire that God had sent to consume an accepted sacrifice. They lit the fire, but with flame from another source. A small technicality some may argue; but small disobedience is still disobedience to the God they were serving. The use of “strange fire” angered God. God himself killed them with a devouring fire. The future of the next-in-line priests was halted, and the great plans God had for them were cancelled because of their mistake.

References in the Bible for Nadab and Abihu after their death were always negative. The only remembrance of them in the future was their error. They left no children to inherit their birthright; only a bad example for future generations. Plans for them were changed.

Eleazar was the third, and Ithamar was fourth son of Aaron. Originally, as they were the younger siblings, their future would only have been in the shad-

If I were not a follower of Christ, I think I should go mad, but my faith in God holds me to the belief that He is in some way working out His own plans through human perversities and mistakes. -- Woodrow Wilson

ows of their two older brothers. In Biblical days, it was always the firstborn that had the opportunities of leadership and family responsibilities. Eleazar’s and Ithamar’s future changed at the death of the two disobedient brothers. The limelight they would never have seen if the other two sons had been obedient was now theirs, because they did obey God and did remain faithful to the tasks they were given.

Eleazar and Ithamar were always in the background. These two were not included in most of the great works Moses and Aaron were accomplishing for God, as were Nadab and Abihu. No one ever was optimistic for the younger brothers. No one ever marveled at them as they walked off to meet with the mighty God. Their future was not as promising as that of their elder brothers, but they kept at the task they were assigned and in the end, it was God that used them. Their faithfulness and steadfastness had its reward.

After the death of the high priest, Aaron, Eleazar stepped in as high priest.

Seventy-one times Eleazar was mentioned in the Bible, far more than his oldest brother. It was Eleazar who assisted Moses as High Priest, and it was he who was there with Joshua to divide and disburse the land of Israel. His brother, Ithamar, was right there keeping at his duties. Both of them were blessed with obedient and God-serving children. God used each of them. The faithful brothers served and remained obedient to God’s commandments and were mightily used by God. They kept on keeping on, and God recognized and used them because of their right decisions.

God has great plans for every child of God. His plan is not just to have them saved from hell, but also to have them serve him. The new convert would be amazed at what God has planned for his future. The newly saved person has all the possibilities of the firstborn, Nadab – great hope and future in serving God in the way God desires to use him. Disobedience to God can change everything. Sidelines are filled with Christian folks that had excuses or reasons to disobey God’s commands in their lives.

How sad it is to hear of the great numbers that have missed God’s blessing in their lives because of their refusal to obey the

commandments of God to be baptized, faithful in attending church, or to witness for Him. The numbers are astronomical of those that choose the world’s way to live rather than God’s way. It is those that remain faithful to what they know and are shown to do, that God uses for His glory. Our responsibility is to obey all God has shown us to do. Obedience always leads to more opportunities to serve God.

## I Would Get Saved ...

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*“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”*

*James 4:14*

👉 **I would get saved, but it may cost me too much.** It would be too hard to give my money to the Lord, or I do not want to have to quit my job as a bartender. In other words, “I like my sin and do not want to stop doing it.”

*“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”*  
*Mark 8:36*

Rather than using an excuse to not get saved, you should say, “I could get saved, and I will.” A wise man acts on the truth, and lets the consequences come as they may. Do not let the small, three-letter word – BUT – keep you from heaven.