

# Get in the Boat and Go

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**Text: John 14:22-36**

When it comes to expressing our faith or exercising our faith, we are often so eager to “get out of the boat” in order to experience something that we desire that we sometimes forget that it is much more important that Jesus be “in the boat” with us! When it comes to faith, we have to be in the same boat with Jesus, in one mind and one accord with Him, before we can really launch out.

In spite of our enthusiasm it is best to wait to hear from the Lord before we move. Note the *directives* given by Jesus.

- I. **The Purpose of God’s Directives Are Not Always Easily Understood (v.22-27).**
  - A. We wonder about God’s purpose.
  - B. We question God’s intent.
  - C. We question our perception.
  
- II. **We Must Follow-through on God’s Directives Even When We Don’t See What Is Ahead (v. 28-31).**
  - A. Show me (prove it) (v.28).
  - B. Save me in spite of my unbelief (v.29-30)
  - C. Forgive me for so little faith (v.31).
  
- III. **We See Best When We Follow God’s Directives Without Question (v. 32-36).**
  - A. We must not doubt in the face of miracles.
  - B. We must demonstrate our faith through obedience.
  - C. We must follow as a child in spite of our child-like questions.

## Conclusion

Enthusiasm for God’s will is a great aspect of our work for Him, but we do not do the work of God only by enthusiasm, otherwise fatigue or confusion will often kill our enthusiasm. We do the work of God by following God’s *directives* just because He has given us the way.