

# S.O.H.L.

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## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

# *Just Do What You Are Told To Do*

Sin runs rampant in society - daily deadlines and overflowing prisons bear dramatic witness to that fact. With child abuse, pornography, serial killings, terrorism, anarchy, and ruthless dictatorships, the world seems to be overflowing with violence, hatred, and corruption. Reading and hearing about these tragedies - and perhaps even experiencing them - we begin to understand the necessity of God's judgment. We may even find ourselves wishing for vengeance by any means upon the violent perpetrators. Surely they are not beyond redemption! Suppose that in the midst of your thoughts, God told you to take the gospel to the worst of the offenders - how would you respond? Would you ignore God? Would you try to hide from God? Would you simply tell God "I'm not doing it"? I find myself writing these meditations wondering at times, out of 200 people (and still growing), are the people really reading them? Are the meditations really helpful?

My brothers and sisters, God has reminded me and instructed me to tell you to "**Just Do What You Are Told To Do**".

This week God wants us to read, study and review the book of Jonah. This is a story about a prophet who was given instruction by God to tell the people of Nineveh to repent. In other words, he was told to share the good news just like He instructs us today. Many of us have it much easier than Jonah, but we refuse to listen to God or to do it His way. Many of us think we can avoid God's call on our life by running away, sacrificing ourselves, belligerent obedience and even sulking. Just like Jonah, we end up being swallowed by the everyday pressures of life.

My brothers and sisters, **Just Do What You Are Told To Do**. Do not rationalize God's word or plans. He knows what's going on and what is best for His people. Do not end up like Jonah, being swallowed up. God will get what He wants out of His people. What He is asking is not hard at all. We can be self centered and think the world revolves around us. We put ourselves on pedestals forgetting that we we're once disobedience to God call. Some claim to be Christians and have never stepped into the light!

This life, this world, the battle is not yours, it's the Lords. God has commanded me to simply tell you to "**Just Do What You Are Told To Do**".

### SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 12:39-41

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Associate yourself with men of good quality for if you esteem your reputation, it is better to travel alone, than in bad company.

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