

# A willingness to say 'why not' instead of 'why'

How to achieve your goals, thrive in adversity and grow in character

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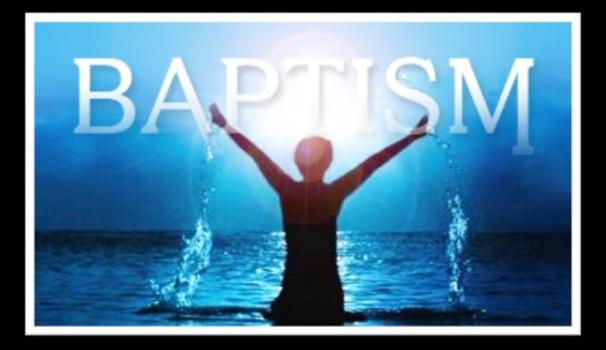
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### Paul in Ephesus

19 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed"? They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive"? "John's baptism," they replied. 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.



**3** a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' 4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River.







The Baptism of Jesus 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me"? 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

The Baptism of Jesus 16 As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."





18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

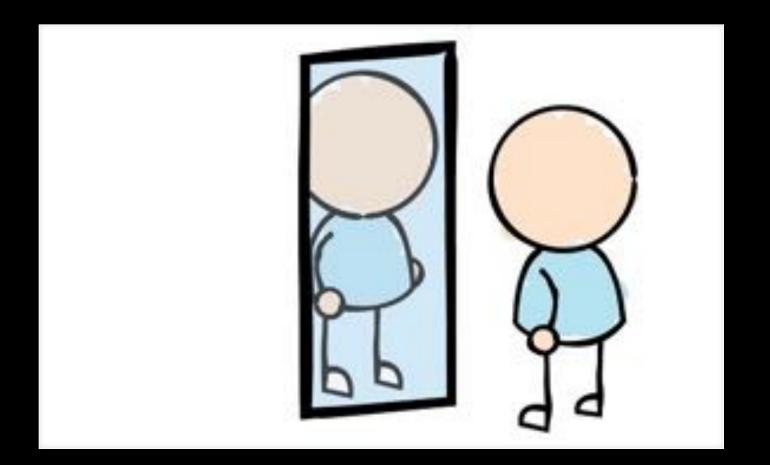




## Acts 2:38

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit".











### Acts2:41

Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.



The Samaritans. Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptised. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.



Acts 8:36-38 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised"? And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him.

The Apostle Paul. Acts 9:18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised.

Lydia & her household. Acts 16:15 When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.



#### Romans 6:3-7

**3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ** Jesus were baptised into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.





