

MESSAGE



“The Word of God”
OR
“The Bible Tells Me So”

Leviticus 19:27

"You shall not round off the hair on your temples or mar the edges of your beard."

Exodus 21:7

"When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do."

Exodus 21:10

"If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish the food, clothing, or marital rights of the first wife."

Exodus 31:14-15

“You shall keep the sabbath, ... everyone who profanes it shall be put to death; whoever does any work on it shall be cut off from among the people.... whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall be put to death.”

- *Who brings the rocks?*
- *Could this be added to the Leadership Council expectations; or do we all have to take time to do this?*

“Inspiration awakens us to new possibilities by allowing us to transcend our ordinary experiences and limitations. Inspiration propels a person from apathy to possibility, and transforms the way we perceive our own capabilities.’

Scott Barry Kaufman

Joshua 6:20 & 21

“So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so the people charged straight ahead into the city...

Then they devoted to destruction by the edge of the sword all in the city, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys.”

Jonah 3:9 & 10

[the Ninevites said] "Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, **God changed his mind** about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Jonah 4:11

“And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

3 things to consider:

- 1] It's important to remember that it took 1,400 years for the Bible to be written.
- 2] it's a story of God enmeshed in the story of humanity.
- 3] Cultural circumstances were/are ever-changing.

John 1:1 & 2, 14

“In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. He was in the beginning with God.... And the **Word** became flesh and lived among us...”

Luke 10:27

[Jesus] answered, "**You shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and **your neighbor as yourself.**"