

# Being instant



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"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be (Instant) ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" [2 Timothy 4:1-2, NKJV](#).

<b>Closer Relationships</b> Judges 18:27	<b>Selfless Investment</b> 2 Cor 8:10
<b>Bolder Engagement</b> Acts 14:3	<b>Greater Participation</b> Philip 2:1

**BOLDER ENGAGEMENT**



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**Acts 14:3** So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by **enabling them** to perform signs and wonders.

**JOSHUA 3:2** After three days the officers went through the camp commanding the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, you are to set out from your positions and follow it. 4 But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between yourselves and the ark. Do not go near it, so that you can see the way to go, since you have never travelled this way before." 5 Then Joshua told the people, "**Consecrate yourselves**, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."...



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**1. THE UNTRODDEN PATH**

- a) "When you see the ark of the COVENANT"
- b) "Being carried by the LEVITICAL PRIESTS"
- c) "You are to set out from YOUR POSITIONS"

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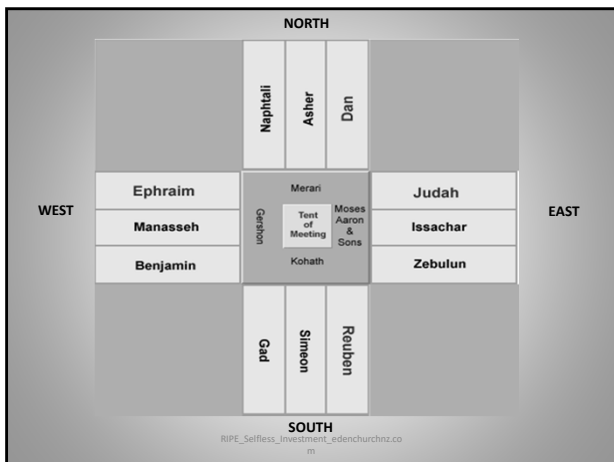
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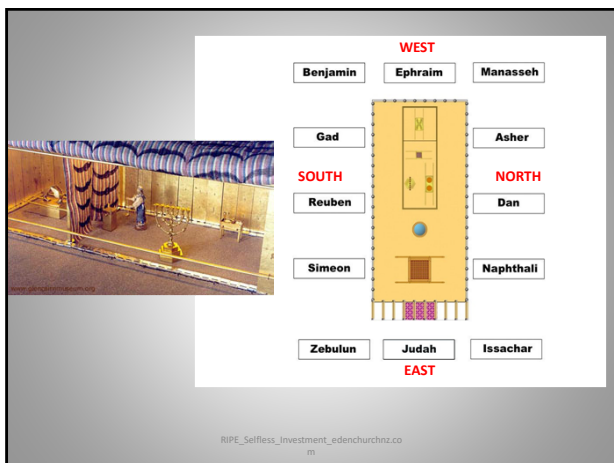
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## 2. THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLIANCE

V4 'Let there be a space of 2000 cubits by measure between you and the ark' - **three-quarters of a mile** or thereabouts-'do not press close upon the heels of the bearers', for you will not be able to see **where they are going** if you crowd on them. **Be patient. Let the course of the ark disclose itself before** you try to follow it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go, for **ye have not passed this way heretofore.'**

- "Let there be SPACE"
- "Don't CROWD in "
- "Don't put pressure on the BEARERS"
  - Be PATIENT
  - Don't pre-empt Gods move
  - You haven't been this way before

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When faced with a UNFAMILIAR direction,  
WE HAVE FOUR POSSIBLE OPTIONS:

1. **Go back** to the old well-trodden PATH
2. Take a **short cut** of our own choosing
3. **Stay put**
4. Refocus on **God's Word**/ Consecrate yourself.

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