

THE **S** FACTOR


(It's a **S**urprise)

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- Usually mi**SS**ing!
- **S**pecific
- **ES**Sential
- Tran**S**mogrifying! (*I apologise*)

STORY TIME

- An experience never repeated ... terrifying, life-changing
- Joshua 1:3: “every place where you set your foot”
- V5: “No-one can stand against you” ... “I will never leave you or forsake you”
- V9: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, do not be discouraged—I am with you wherever you go”




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- First, it's about

Scripture

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8




“WOTIF” ...

- No books, no commentaries
- No study guides or study notes
- No seminars
- No CDs or DVDs, no PPTs
- No Adventist TV

Prayer Pause ...
“Thank You for the Word!”

“What would we do? Oh boy, whatever would we do?”



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- Second, it's about

the **S**pirit



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Ed Gallagher ... *Spirit Led* Retreat, Tui Ridge Park


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Note: Read slides *across*, from L to R.

THE GIFT WE WILL NOT BELIEVE IN?


“I have chosen Bezalel ... and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts.” Exodus 31:2, 3

- Chosen!
- Filled!
- Skilled!



“WOTIF” ...

- Less discussion of “the gifts”
- A massive, redirected focus on “the Gift”



Joel 2—
“on all
flesh”

“The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied.”
Numbers 11:25, 26

“I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” Numbers 11:29

“Eagerly desire the gifts—especially prophecy!” (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Prayer Pause ...
“Thank You for the Spirit!”

A CHALLENGE TO OUR COMFORT GEORGE R. KNIGHT

Some years ago I noted in a General Conference presentation that Adventists didn’t really believe in the 27 fundamental beliefs—especially the one about the perpetuity of spiritual gifts until the end of time. We tend to believe in spiritual *gift* [prophecy] rather than spiritual *gifts*, and most of us restrict that gift to an individual safely in her grave for the last 85 years. . . . If I got a true gift of prophecy there would be a massive committee to study the situation for the next ten years. ...What steps can be taken to allow the Spirit its proper place in Adventism? Or do we hope to finish our work without His troublesome presence?

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- Third, it’s about

“Satellite time”




- What is my direction?
- What is my elevation angle?

“Satellite time”

“WOTIF” ...

- “Satellite Time” dominated our planning meetings ... and our preparation for teaching and preaching?
- 10%? 25%? 50%? Would it make a difference in your life and ministry for the Lord?



Prayer Pause ...
“Thank You for a perfect signal!”