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No Other Options

[Mar 11:24 KJV] 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [them], and ye shall have [them].

Have you ever been in a situation where you thought you were in faith, but you realized later on that you really were not? Sometimes it can seem difficult to really know whether or not you are in a place of faith, hope, or possibly even unbelief. But there's one test that will always give you an indication of where you are: the No Other Options test.

So, what is the "No Other Options" test?

Let's use an illustration. It's springtime, and you know that the pollen count is going to be high. You have in the past dealt with seasonal allergies, and they have become so bad that often times it is difficult to function because of sneezing, and itchy, watery eyes. You make a decision, that you have had enough of dealing with allergies, and you are going to use your faith to believe God for your healing. So, you wake up, have your quiet time with God, get dressed and head to work. Immediately, the symptoms hit you. Your eyes are so watery that you can hardly see to drive. Then, you remember that you have made a decision to believe God to be healed from seasonal allergies. So, you begin to speak the word of God that you are healed by Jesus stripes to combat the symptoms. As you are confessing, you see a CVS Pharmacy coming up. The thought comes to mind, "Maybe you should stop by and get some medication just in case this confessing doesn't work." So, you pull

over and run into the store, grab a pack of medicine, get back in your car and continue making your confessions. You confess for several hours, and the symptoms never go away. So, finally, you make a decision to go ahead and take the allergy medicine to get some relief. But, in the back of your mind, you can't seem to figure out why your "faith" didn't seem to work.

Do you see what the "No Other Options" test is? Many times we think the act of quoting scriptures or even praying automatically means that you are in faith. But, if we're really honest, in our minds we don't believe the words we are confessing, because we already have an option set-up for "if" our "faith" doesn't work. We must believe we receive – WHEN WE PRAY. If you truly believe, there are no other options, because what God's Word says is the ONLY truth. Don't let symptoms tell you what the Truth is. Don't doubt, only believe.

PLEASE NOTE: There's nothing wrong with taking medicine, so please don't stop, especially if you have a life-threatening condition. Just continue to build up your faith by reading and hearing God's Word. When you're truly in faith, you'll know it, and there will be NO OTHER OPTIONS.

Church Events

Wednesday, May 25th

**Couples & Singles LIFE Groups
Sessions will begin @ 6:15 PM
*No corporate prayer***

Friday, May 27th

**B.L.A.S.T. Teen & Pre-teen
School's Out Fellowship
5:30 PM**

June 22nd - 24th

**Vacation Bible School
Time TBA**

July 28th - 30th

**Motion Youth Conference
Birmingham, AL
*Sign up if you want your teen or
preteen to attend!*
www.motionstudents.com**

Announcements

- **PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING MAKE UP SESSIONS –**
This course is applicable for any believer who wants to be trained in “how to minister” to those in need of healing. The classes are open to all LWC members. If you missed or are unable to attend Tuesday classes, make-up sessions are on Sundays after service or Tuesdays after Morning Prayer.

- **ATTENTION MARRIED OR SOON TO BE MARRIED COUPLES!!!** Do you want a marriage made in Heaven? If you are struggling in your marriage or if you have a good marriage and you want it to be even better, join us beginning on Wednesday, May 4th for our Marriage on the Rock Small Group Bible Study!

SINGLES, WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TOO! We will also have LIFE group sessions for single adults dealing with common issues faced by Christian singles today. We'll have sessions for teens too!

Sessions will begin at 6:15 PM

- **VACTION BIBLE STUDY –** We are in the planning stages for VBS to be held in June. If you would like to assist us, please sign up at the front desk or see Mrs. Joyce Broughton for more information.
- **ATTENTION TEENS & PRE-TEENS STAY TUNED!** Join us for our School's Out BLAST Fellowship on Friday, May 27th at 5:30 PM to celebrate the end of the school year. *Look out for more information on Facebook!*

- **MOTION16 YOUTH CONFERENCE – BIRMINGHAM, AL JULY 28 – 30 –** Teens & Preteens if you would like to attend this exciting event please have your parents sign the interest sheet at the front desk. We will provide more information soon! A fee will be required to assist with expenses with transportation, lodging and food. www.motionstudents.com
- **JOHNNY LEE SHEFFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP –** Thank you to all the students who submitted applications. The deadline for entry has passed and we will be contacting all students with reward status in May!
- **DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE GROWTH TRACK!** – If you are interesting in joining Living Word Church or just finding out more about who we are and who YOU are in Christ, we invite you to attend our Growth Track Sessions. Our Growth Track is a series of 4 sessions held immediately following service on the 1st – 4th Sunday of each month. ***It's time to Experience LIFE!***



IMPORTANT INFO

SICK & SHUT IN

If you are dealing with a physical challenge, or if you know of a member who is dealing with a physical challenge, please let us know so that we can contact them and agree in prayer for their recovery. To contact us, you may leave a confidential message at 205-530-0638.

DO YOU HAVE A TESTIMONY?

Have you received a blessing in your life due to applying the Word of God you have learned at Living Word Church? If so, please let us know so we can share it with others! We can either record your testimony, or read a transcript during our announcement time (if you don't like being on camera). Someone needs to hear your story, so don't hold back!!!

WANT TO JOIN THE LWC FAMILY?

If you want more information about joining Living Word, or if you would just like to find out more about who we are and what we believe, we invite you to join us TODAY!