



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## No Excuses

On September 26, 2021, Elijah Saolo was about to win the Quad Cities Marathon in Illinois. As he sprinted down the final stretch, not only was he in the lead, he was on pace to set a record time!

But then, instead of turning right and following the designated path, he went straight and was automatically disqualified for running off the course.

Why did he do this? He was following a volunteer on a bike who had mistakenly gone the wrong way.

Race officials said he should have known better. Signs were clearly displayed and well-marked. Plus, there was a meeting the day before the race so that the runners could get familiar with the course.

He was disqualified. He lost a race he should have won. There was no excuse.

This reminds me of the “*man of God from Judah*” in **1 Kings 13**. He was told to deliver a message to the king and to return immediately. He ended up stopping for dinner. He had been plainly told. There had been clear signs (the miracles performed). Thus, there was no excuse for unbelief or disobedience.

The lesson for us? There is no excuse for failing to know or to follow the Word of God. We don't follow peers, social media groups, governments, et. al.—just Jesus! (**John 15:22; Rom. 1:20; 2:1**).

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# Details

I am a “*detail*” oriented person. As a music director, I spent much time paying attention to the smallest of details. At least, that is what most of my students thought. They always questioned the need to repeat a section of music, or the need to do a marching formation “*one more time.*” Even when it comes to painting a room or a house, some would suggest just slapping paint on a wall and be done. I will spend extra time taping off areas I don’t want painted and then be very careful not to drip any paint anywhere. Details!

Spend time reading the Bible and you will find whole sections dealing with “*details.*” Exodus chapters 25 through 30 give “*in detail*” the pattern of the tabernacle, courtyard and items in the tabernacle. God “*details*” the clothing for the priests and the dedication of the priests for working in the tabernacle. The last few chapters of Exodus “*detail*” the construction of the tabernacle, courtyard and items in the tabernacle. Leviticus records “*in detail*” the sacrifices to be offered to God and preparation of those sacrifices. The first book of Kings records “*in detail*” the construction of the temple; and the last chapters of **Ezekiel (40-48)** give “*in detail*” the vision of the new temple, its walls, rooms and sacrificial implements. These are just a few of the many examples of “*detail*” God gives in His Word.

In the religious world today, it seems we are more concerned on just getting things done and moving on to the next challenge or requirement. And in so doing, are we missing the details which will bring greater meaning to our service, worship and Christian lives? Has worship become so constrained by time that it is just something we do so we can say we’ve “*worshiped God?*” Are we worshiping the Lord in “*spirit and truth*” (**John 4:24**)? Or, are we worshiping God according to our own personal desires (**Mt. 15:7-9**)? In living for Christ, are we following Him with total commitment (**Luke 9:23**)? Or, do we take it upon ourselves to determine what is really necessary in following Christ (**Mt. 7:21-23**)?

Details! It is often heard, “*Don’t sweat the small things!*” But when the small things (details) are ignored, they frequently turn into big things which are far more difficult to correct. When we begin to search out the “*details*” in God’s Word, then we will understand the important lessons to be found to help in our walk with the Lord and look forward with anticipation to the words, “*Enter in good and faithful servant.*”

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