

I am Robin Marie and this is a podcast for those who do things differently.

For the longest time I felt like something was missing inside because I was different. I tried to be like everyone else. But it only ended in frustration.

Then one day I found that my differences are what make me unique.

I'm all about being unique, just ask my friends and family.

So here's the question of the day. Words or Actions, what resonates with you?

I love me some words.

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I've been a words girl for most of my life. In fact at times I felt like something was defective with me because I wasn't an action girl.

Oh don't get me wrong, I wasn't just sitting on the couch eating oreos and contemplating the next thing I wanted to write in my journal. Although if i'm honest that sounds delicious to me.

For me it took the words to push me into action. For some of you it's the complete opposite. You do first then the words follow.

I love that God made us all different. It takes both words and actions to show those around us who God truly is.

Last Christmas my daughter bought me a Chronological Bible. That's a Bible that arranges events in their order of occurrence. I had heard from others that this has helped them understand the Bible so much better and I'm all about understanding. So, after over 57 years of knowing Jesus, I've started reading the Bible from the beginning and hope to finish by next year.

It can be a bit daunting at times, but surprisingly I have found comfort in the books with numbers, statistics and sacrifices! I know, I was shocked!!

I've learned to embrace ALL of the Bible.

God is not only the god of the New Testament but also the god of the old. I've found so much information I never knew. Growing up in the church has its downfalls, what's the saying, you become so familiar you become unfamiliar.

For instance, The story of Elijah (a words guy) and Elisha (an action guy)! This really fascinated me.

Elijah was a prophet that primarily sent messages to people. And the messages were NOT popular!! I can hear the people now “Oh no, here comes Elijah, he never says anything I want to hear!”

Then there was his predecessor Elisha, I always got them confused! Elisha was an action prophet. His thing was performing miracles and he was very involved in politics, in fact he personally inaugurated two royal dynasties.

If you want to read more check out 2 Kings chapter 2.

I love this quote from John Calvin (disclaimer: I don't identify as any denomination, I am a Christ follower, but I do believe there is truth to be found in most of them.)

John Calvin wrote this and I quote; *"All truth is from God; and consequently, if wicked men have said anything that is true and just, we ought not to reject it; for it has come from God ..."*

The point is, God is a holistic God. He doesn't pick and choose what kind of people he will use, He uses everyone. Even “Evil Men”

So are you different in the way you learn, the way to approach things or the way you relate to people? Are you more words than action ?

It's ok, God can and WILL use you.

I've learned that when I stay in my lane, that would be the words lane, I often have the pleasure of merging with those in the action lane ! It's a wonderful symphony of differences.

Words intertwined with actions. That is why we need people who are different in our lives.

Don't be afraid to merge with others and learn some truth from them. Remember ALL truth comes from God so stay close to His voice and you will learn to hear his voice more clearly as you study His Word.

I challenge you to read His Word in its entirety. God says if we seek him we WILL find him.

You don't have to do it perfectly. I never do. I ask the Holy Spirit on a regular basis to make His words simple for me and He does.

So let's do this life together. My words, your actions, His TRUTH.

Let's choose to chase something different.

Thanks for listening to Chasing DIFFERENT. If you'd like to know more about who I am please visit me at www.robinmarie.org. where you'll find all the transcripts to this podcast and my kids' podcast "Different isn't Bad."

It would really help me out if you would subscribe and share this podcast with others.

Let's get the word out that being part of God's family doesn't mean we have to look and act the same, after all in the words of Oliver James;

"Why are you trying so hard to fit in when you were born to stand out?"

See you next time