

Prayer Challenge

Take a day away with no phone, computer, or distractions. Take your bible and a notebook. Go away for one day to a quiet secluded place to pray. Just open the day and ask God to lead you thru a day of prayer. Read God's word, pray, journal. Spend a whole day hanging out with God in prayer.

Pray

Begin a prayer list of the following....

Review, add to, take away, and pray weekly together over your list.

NEEDS

PRAISES

PEOPLE ON YOUR "REACH ONE" LIST

MESSAGE NOTES

Series: Power - Discover How to Walk Deeply With God

Message: Obey Like Jesus

Text: Various

Speaker: Brian Bolton, Pastor

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Talking through the message during the week helps you and your Growth Group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps. You can use this study guide with your Growth Group, your family, or on your own.

Pray

Begin in prayer, confessing any sins you know of, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide your study.

Open

1. Can you think of an example in your life when you were disobedient to the guidance of your parents, coach, teacher, boss etc...? What happened? How did disobedience help or hurt you? What would have happened if you simply obeyed?
2. Make an honest assessment of your obedience when it comes to your relationship with God on a scale 1-10: 1= Living always and only for yourself 10= Living always & only for God's agenda, how would you score yourself & why?

Read, Hear, & Live the Word

In the Old Testament there are several examples of halfhearted obedience. The trouble is, partial obedience is disobedience. One of the most graphic examples of partial obedience in the O.T. is Saul's failure to follow the Lord's command in 1 Samuel 15.

1. What did God command Saul to do (vs.1-3)?
2. How did Saul respond (vs.7-9)?
3. How did God respond to Saul (vs10-11)?

4. How did Saul try to justify his actions (vs12-21)?
5. What is Samuel's final word on the matter (vs. 22-23)?

Now, let's take a quick look at the call and example of Christ to make a comparison.

1. Read Philippians 2:5. What are we told to do?
2. What did Jesus do (Phil 2:6-7)? Why is this a BIG deal?
3. How was Jesus obedient (Phil 2:8)?
4. How would you contrast the obedience of Saul with the obedience of Jesus?

Apply The Word

1. Based on Christ's example, what does complete obedience look like?
2. Like Jesus, what will complete obedience ultimately require of us? (See Matthew 16:24-26)
3. Why is it sometimes so difficult to be fully obedient? Be specific.
4. Based on this week's study, what needs to change in your life so that you better reflect Christ's obedience?