



Week #7: Obeying God is the Key

Obeying God is the _____ that _____ what God has _____.

We learn from Jeremiah:

- Sometimes obedience is saying a _____ in the same _____.

A prayer you can pray:

- God, what am I doing that you're calling me to _____?

Then King Zedekiah [fearing the princes] said, "Listen, he is in your hand; for the king is in no position to do anything against you." So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchijah the king's son, which was in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down [into the cistern] with ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Jeremiah 38:5-6 (AMP)

We learn from the king:

- Sometimes obedience is saying _____ as much as it's saying _____.

A prayer you can pray:

- God, what am I doing that you are calling me to _____?

But another court servant in the palace, Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, overheard that Jeremiah had been dropped down into this cistern. So he left the palace and went directly to the king who was sitting in the Benjamin gate where he was holding court for the people.

Ebed-melech: My lord the king, do you know what some of your court officials have done? They have done a wicked thing to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a muddy cistern and left him to die, which will surely happen when he, like the rest of the city, runs out of food.

King Zedekiah(to Ebed-melech, the Ethiopian): Take 30 of my men with you, and rescue Jeremiah the prophet from that cistern before he dies.

So Ebed-melech did as the king commanded...

Jeremiah 38:7-11 (VOICE)

We learn from the unnamed servant:

- Sometimes obedience is being _____ and _____ right _____.

A prayer you can pray:

- God, what is something you're calling me to do _____?

How to start obeying God:

- Follow God's _____.
- Follow God's _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Out of the three people in Jeremiah 37 & 38, whose story stood out to you, and why?
2. As you pray the three prayers, where do you sense God is leading you? How is He directing your thoughts?
3. How will you continue to follow God's Word and follow God's direction?

Recommended Resources

- *How Do I Know If I'm Making the Right Decision?* Proverbs 31 Ministries Podcast with Dr. Joel Muddamalle
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Obeying God is the key that unlocks what God has for you.

We learn from Jeremiah:

- Sometimes obedience is saying a new yes in the same old place.

A prayer you can pray:

- God, what am I doing that you're calling me to keep doing?

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A prayer you can pray:

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So Ebed-melech did as the king commanded...

Jeremiah 38:7-11 (VOICE)

We learn from the unnamed servant:

- Sometimes obedience is being watchful and willing right where you are.

A prayer you can pray:

- God, what is something you're calling me to do today?

How to start obeying God:

- Follow God's Word.
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(VOICE) The Voice