

Sermon-Based Lesson

Living Word Church
Sunday, September 3, 2023

The Blessing of Obedience
Judges 6:10

10 Also I said to you, “I am the Lord your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.” But you have not obeyed My voice.’ ”

In the sermon on Sunday, Pastor Brad talked about how the nation of Israel struggled to obey God. They would obey God for a season but then fall away and serve other gods. Each time that they turned from God, the nation would fall into captivity until they repented. Once that happened, God would send a person to deliver them. Gideon is called by God to deliver the people from their captivity.

Intro: Lack of obedience leads to trouble

The Cycle of Sin:

- a. Disobey God
- b. Captivity
- c. Repentance
- d. Deliverance

Question 1: Share a time when disobedience got you in trouble.

- I. The Lord calls us into His purpose (Judges 6:12).
 - Gideon saw himself as insignificant but God saw him as mighty (v. 15).

- The purposes of God will always take faith and courage to fulfill.

II. Our obedience brings glory to God (Judges 7:2).

- The more difficult it appears, the more we must trust in God.
- God looks for those who are fearless and prepared (v.3, 6).
- God can do more with fewer people who have big faith (v. 8)

Question 2: Why does fear keep us from obeying God?

III. The fight to be obedient is harder than the battle.

- The enemy is defeated before the battle begins.
- God gives confidence to those who obey Him.
- The Lord will fight for you.

Question 3: Joy Dawson said, “Disobeying God is like telling Him to hold back all of the blessings that come with obedience.” Why do we struggle to fully obey God?

Prayer Time:

a. Pray for courage and faith to trust God and obey Him.

b. Pray for the needs of the group.

Promise of the Day

Lord, my trust is in You. Thank you for giving me the courage to obey You in all circumstances. I will not fear or give up. My God has defeated my enemies and I will walk in victory.