



Obey the Call (Genesis 12:1-9)

Sunday, May 7, 2023 AVBC 10:30 am

1. OBEYING GOD'S CALL REQUIRES SENSITIVITY TO GOD'S _____ (12:1-4,7)

Q: How does Lord communicate today?

*Today the Lord primarily speaks to His children through His _____ and through a _____

*If you want to be sensitive to His voice you must read and meditate on and study His _____!

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do. (II Timothy 3:16,17)

>God's Word is _____

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*God's call is always connected to God's _____

2. OBEYING GOD'S CALL _____ OTHERS (12: 2,3,5,7)

*Personal obedience always has _____ impact

3. OBEYING GOD'S CALL _____ (12:1,6)

> _____ cost (Joshua 24:2,3a)

> _____ cost

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. (Deut. 31:8)

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me? (Psalm 46:3,4)

4. OBEYING GOD'S CALL LEADS TO DEEPER _____ (12:7,8)

When God transplants you and _____ you it's because He is preparing to _____ you!

>Deeper _____

>Fresh _____

Lord Jesus, I trust you as my Saviour. I surrender to You as my Lord. I want to hear from You. Help me to discern Your voice. And, when You speak, help me to respond quickly. Forgive me for fence-sitting. Rid me of all excuses when it comes to obeying Your voice. Help me to walk by faith instead of being controlled by fear. Lord Jesus, I want to know You more. Enable me to hear Your call. Empower me to obey Your call. Amen.

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Can you recall any specific incident when you did not obey your parents or a teacher? If so, describe the situation and what happened.

Q2: Read Matthew 7:224-27. What does the text indicate that distinguished the two builders? How does that relate to what God considers important on our journey?

Q3: Have you "heard" God's speak to you while reading His Word? If so, explain.

Q4: God's promises are often based on a premise. Read the following passages and identify the both the promise and the premise in each: Isaiah 26:3, Psalm 37:3-5, Is. 40:31, Matthew 11:28-29, II Cor. 12:9-10, Philippians 4:6-9, James 1:5; 4:7, I John 1:9

Q5: Has there ever been a time in your life when your relationship with God grew deeper when he "transplanted" and "isolated" you? If so, describe.

Q6: Read Ezra 3:1-3, 6. The returning exiles rebuilt and began to use the temple altar before they rebuilt the foundation of the temple. What does that teach us about God's priorities?

Q7: "Obeying God's call always impacts other people." Can you think of an example in your life that illustrates this principle? If so, explain.

Q8: Study John 8:49-59. What does this teach us about Abraham and his journey of faith?