



Freedom in the Word

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OBEDIENCE

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1 Samuel 15:22 - So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. NKJV

King Saul did what most humans do when they don't obey the voice of the Lord...he justified. Remember Adam blamed Eve and God, (The woman You gave me) and Eve blamed the snake. Humanity inherited the blame game so it comes natural to the natural man. (Proverbs 21:2)

To be obedient to God's Word we first have to know Word answers to some basic questions: 1. Who is God? God is sovereign. He is the supreme authority, excelling all others and He has no equal. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning GOD CREATED the heavens and the earth. He is the Creator and we are the created. God is the beginning and the ending. (Revelation 1:8) Psalm 100:3 says, "He has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture." That means that this is God's world and we are just vapors that appear for a little time and then vanish away. (James 4:14)

2. Who is man in relation to God? King David's humility is seen in Psalm 8:4. "What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?" Proverbs 20:24 says, "Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?" Mankind is created to be dependent on Almighty God, and God is delighted when we acknowledge Him. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

3. Who sets the rules? It is not us. It's been said, "There are two immutable truths: 1. There is a God. 2. You're not Him." The Word of God sets boundaries. It's not rocket science. When we stay in the lines we receive blessings. When we choose to rebel and go outside the lines there are consequences for sin. Isaiah 1:19 says, "If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." The grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this PRESENT WORLD! (Titus 2:12) We can read about the blessings for obedience in Deuteronomy 28:1-14. The bottom line is John 14:15 which is easy to memorize, "If you love me, keep my commandments!"

THE BLESSED PATH

Katie Brigmon

The Bible shows us how to be successful if we will simply watch where we walk, where we stand, and where we sit. *Psalm 1:1 says, "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. NIV*

1- Do not walk in the counsel of wicked

Satan gave Eve wicked counsel in the garden when he told her that God didn't mean what He said. We seek godly counsel from wise friends: some are wise in finances, some have mechanical wisdom. Some of the wisest decisions we ever made were made after we listened to our friend's advice. (Prov. 13:20)

2- Do not stand where sinners stand

A person that has battled drug addiction knows which street corner to avoid. If they stand on that corner long enough they will fall into temptation. The person that is trying to avoid the gossip trap knows which table to avoid in the break room. (I Cor. 15:33)

3- Do not sit with mockers (Ephesians 4:29)

I always feel sorry for the people that come into the prison chapel that get stuck by the person who only came in to chat with someone or by the person that makes fun of the ministers. We must guard our hearts and tongues from mocking those in authority over us to their face or behind their back. Always putting others down is a trap that we can fall in if we're not careful.

Choose your friends wisely that will help you find the spout where the blessings come out; that's a blessed path!

MINISTRY FOR JULY:

Bartlett Unit..... July 1, 5, 9, 10, 12, 15, 19, 26, 29

Travis Unit..... July 5, 12, 19, 26

Halbert Unit..... July 8

Lockhart Unit (Women)..... July 11

Bastrop FCI July 18

One on One County Jail Visits

CD Project DONE!

Many of you know that we started a recording project in January of this year. We have a note that we received from an inmate a couple of years ago that we kept on our wall in our office:

Ma'am, I don't mean to be funny or nothin but why ain't Rappin Ron got no CD out.

This note was a constant challenge to us. We go to several units a year that we may never get to go to again. It will be great now to be able to leave the music behind with the booklets that we already leave.

We made it a family affair. Three of our grandchildren are backup singers on Oh Happy Day and our daughter sings two songs on the recording as well.

CD info found on our website: ronbrigmon.com

Pray the Word

Psalm 2:2-4 - The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. *He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh.*

If you keep doing the next right thing, what's wrong and who's wrong won't be around long.
- RR

Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Bartlett Unit, Lockhart Unit, Connally Unit, Kyle Unit, Travis Unit, Hughes Unit, and Bastrop FCI & FPC as well as county jail visits.

Mail Bag

Ron and Katie - Thanks for caring and checking up on me. Some things have been coming against me, trials, troubles, disappointments, and sorrows. I still stand for my purpose in the Kingdom - Psalms 23:4 - 5. I don't know one that cares more than God. But I know he works through people too because some of them have loving hearts like Him. And the two of you have that love - Matthew 5:13-6 - people like ya'll are a light to this world. I would like to visit and spend time with you brother when I get out. I need people like you in my life, one day at a time with God's help. R.T.

Hello Ron - I have been going through trouble in my life but I do my best to keep praying and walking daily with Christ. I would like to know if you can round me up one of them little Pray the Word books because I gave mine to one of the guys I met in here. I told him all about you.

He could be writing you too. Before they moved him to another tank we were talking about the Word of God. May God bless you. J.P.

Dear Ron & Katie: God has been moving so much in my life. My world at one time revolved around drugs, alcohol, and women. But since I've been walking with God He has shown me that this flesh of mine always puts distractions out there, getting me to lose focus of Jesus. According to 2 Cor. 4:18, I don't need to be focused on the seen pleasure of the flesh. I need to focus on the unseen eternal things of God. I thank you both, Ron & Katie for the support you give through your letters. They offer so much encouragement and hope. I mostly must thank Jesus for using you all in such a mighty way. R.W.

**MATTHEW 25:36
TEAM MEMBER**

...I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME...