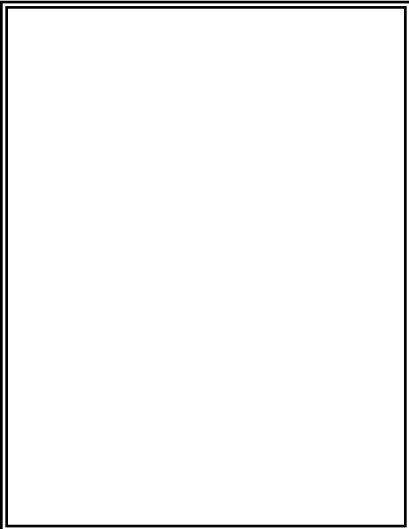


PARABLES - OF JESUS -

WEEK 7 – THE MASTER & THE SERVANT



Luke 17:7-10

⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

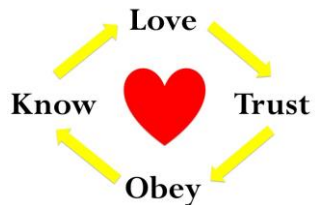
DOULOS: [δοῦλος]

...a slave, bondman, man of servile condition

- one who gives himself up to another's will those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing his cause among men

- devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests

OBEDIENCE is a choice.



¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands.” - Jesus

²¹ “Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” - Jesus

²³ “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.” - Jesus

[ref. John 14:15, 21, 23-24a]

Wandering from our purpose does not remove our PURPOSE.

SO WHAT?

:: Know who you SERVE.

:: Keep HIS interests first.

:: Do the NEXT right thing.

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

NOTES:

***“To know Him is to love Him, and to know Him better is to love Him more.”
- A.W. Tozer***



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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) *Admitting* that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) *Asking* God to forgive your sins.
- 3) *Saying YES* to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

:: *Share something God has been teaching or re-teaching you through our “Parables of Jesus” series. How have you lived differently as a result?*

:: *Read/Review this week’s parable [The Master & The Servant]*

:: *Take time to explore this parable using: observe-interpret-apply.*

:: *Why did you think Jesus told this parable?*

:: *What do you find most helpful or challenging in this parable?*

:: *What does this parable reveal to you about God/yourself?*

:: *Pastor Shawn said, “Obedience is a choice.”*

:: *What does that mean in our personal relationship with God?*

:: *What happens when we don’t choose well?*

:: *How have you seen this truth play out in your life or someone else’s?*

:: *What are implications for how we choose to obey on a daily basis?*

:: *Read/Reread Ephesians 3:14-21.*

:: *Why did Paul prioritize praying that the Ephesian church would more fully know love?*

:: *Based on your faith & love today, how might he have prayed for you?*

:: *Identify 1 way you can more fully demonstrate love for God this week.*

:: *Ask at least 1 person to pray for you & encourage you as you do it.*

Unless otherwise noted, today’s Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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