The Reason I Don't Have To Obey God (Part 2)

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INTRODUCTION

- Trust is critical. It's where our walk with God began. And yet, that trust may not always be a constant in our lives. It has to be cultivated and maintained.
- And trust is where people fail who leave the Lord and who quit walking in his ways.

1 Exempt Because of What Someone Else Did

1 Corinthians 15:33; Galatians 3:1; Galatians 5:7

- A lot of folks would claim some kind of exemption and think that they don't need to obey God because somebody else did something that made doing right impossible.
- Be not deceived. Bad company corrupts good morals. 1 Corinthians 15, 33.
- Paul doesn't give Peter a pass because he was influenced by others. He withstood him to the face. He allowed himself to be influenced.
- But you, allowing yourself to be hindered, have fallen from grace. You were running well. Who hindered you?
- Yes, others may have contributed to the conduct, but you don't get the victim card. We are responsible for our own conduct.

2 The Awful Circumstances I'm Called Upon to Endure

Revelation 2:10; Ecclesiastes 9; Galatians 6:5

- Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison. That you may be tested.
- Be faithful unto death, even if it means you die is really the idea here.
- The Lord understands your suffering. But he doesn't understand to the extent that you get the exempt card. He is here to help.
- And so ultimately he says in verse 5 of Galatians 6, everyone shall bear his own load.
- No circumstance, no matter how painful and difficult to endure ever justifies disobedience. Instead, we should trust God all the more.

3 Is the Bible Really From God?

Luke 16

- So now if we can cast some suspicion on the word of God, then we get an exempt card that way. Well, is the Bible really from God?
- My confidence in Scripture grows by every passing year. The more I study it, the more I am amazed at its author.

- And he asked me to embrace this message on the basis of faith. That we walk by faith.
- Not only is the Bible reliable, it's the thing that's reliable when everything else isn't. And the God behind the book is reliable to see us through trouble.

4 Things in This Book That Are Seemingly Very Hard

1 John 5:3; Hebrews 11:33–38; 2 Timothy 2:8–13

- Commandments of God are not burdensome, 1 John chapter 5 and verse 3. And so perhaps it's our perspective that's askew when we start to think this is too hard.
- Men of whom the world was not worthy. And that's who we are when we persevere in the midst of trial and challenges.
- When we hurt, when we're pained, and we trust God anyway, we become men and women of whom the world is not worthy.
- For this reason I endure all things. That sums up the lesson tonight.
- If we died with him, we shall live with him. If we endure, we shall reign with him.

5 I Think Grace Is Going to Come to Me

2 Peter 1:10; 2 Timothy 1; James 5:16

- We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive in our body the things that we have done, whether they are good or bad.
- God has done the grace part already. Really, what we're talking about is mercy.
- Be diligent to make your calling and election sure.
- How much effort are you really giving to the defeat of that problem?
- That's God's business. Our business is to trust. Our business is to walk in faith.

THE CHALLENGE

How strong, how vibrant is your trust. Is God really the rock of our hearts?

MY NOTES