

## **August 17, 2008 – SERMON SUMMARY**

### **Trust and Obey**

John 10:10 says, "The thief comes to kill, steal, and destroy, but I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly." When we think of our lives, where are we in this picture? Are we experiencing the abundant life of Christ, or is Satan stealing the joy and fullness of our salvation.

God desires more for our lives. Many times because of sin or worry we have grown contented living in spiritual smog that hides the true beauty of life. But how can we rediscover the life that God intends for us?

In scripture we see a pattern of people partnering with God. It begins with a trusting in God and results in obedience. Trust and obey. Some claim faith and then do nothing, waiting for God to do it all. Others claim faith and then do it all themselves in their own way. It can't be one or the other. To truly know God it takes both. Trust and obey.

In John 3:16 we see that God loves, and gives His son so that we can believe and have eternal life. It's a partnership. God has done the saving work through Jesus Christ and we must respond in obedience.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." God promises to direct our paths as we trust in the Lord with all of our heart.

A Christian parent loves, trains, teaches, models, and disciplines their child. This is obedience to scripture, then the parents must trust God to draw the child to Himself and bring Him to salvation. It's a partnership of trust and obey. God does His part and we do ours.

There is a broken relationship between two friends. One man says he has "dealt with it in his heart" and is now waiting for God to restore the relationship. But the Bible calls him to take steps to be reconciled. God will forgive and heal, but the man must go make right any wrongs that he has committed against the other. It's a partnership of trust and obey. God does His part and we do ours.

A single person longs to be married. She can lower her standards and desperately go find anyone to marry. She can pray and then do nothing with her life. Or she can trust in God's plan, while at the same time obeying God by taking care of herself physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually. In this active waiting she is trusting in God, but preparing herself to be the best wife that she can be. It's a partnership of trust and obey. God does His part and we do ours.

The true Christian life is based on our FAITH. Forsaking All I Trust Him. As we truly trust Him it will drive our life to obedient action. James 2:14,17 says, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

May we trust and obey and know the life that God always intended for us.

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