

Celebration and Worship

Sunday, November 5, 2006

For your benefit, as well as for those around you, we offer child-care for birth-three year old. An usher/greeter will assist you to the preschool area. Our Sunday morning service is broadcast weekly at 11:00 a.m. on WKXX, 102.9 FM. Please turn off your cell phones during service time.

EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE

EXPERIENCING GOD, PART 9

“I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3 HCSB)

**LIFE IS NOT AS MUCH ABOUT “_____”
AS IT IS ABOUT “_____.”**

All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.... (Isaiah 64:6b HCSB)

WHAT IS CERTAIN TO PLEASE GOD? _____!

Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for the one who draws near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6 HCSB)

... We speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts. (1 Thessalonians 2:4 HCSB)

Without faith it is impossible to please God...

It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about something that had never happened before. By his faith he... was made right in God's sight.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in a tent. Abraham did this because he was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

It was by faith that Sarah together with Abraham was able to have a child, even though they were too old and Sarah was barren. Abraham believed that God would keep his promise. And so a whole nation came from this one man, Abraham, who was too old to have any children—a nation with so many people that, like the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

All of these people we have mentioned received God's approval because of their faith. (Hebrews 11:6-12, 39 NLT)

WHAT PLEASED GOD CONCERNING NOAH?

Noah built the ark or Noah had faith in God

WHAT PLEASED GOD CONCERNING ABRAHAM?

Abraham was willing to move or Abraham had faith in God

WHAT PLEASED GOD CONCERNING SARAH?

Sarah had a baby or Sarah had faith in God

WHAT FIRST PLEASES GOD CONCERNING ME?

What I do for God or My faith in God leading to actions

The plans are God's	<i>Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants. (Amos 3:7 NIV)</i>
He supplies the energy, strength & resources	<i>God—His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is pure.... God—He clothes me with strength and makes my way perfect. (Psalm 18:30, 32 HCSB)</i>
The work is His	<i>Many plans are in a man's heart, <u>but the LORD's decree will prevail.</u> (Proverbs 19:21 HCSB)</i>
He accomplishes every all His purposes	<i>"My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, <u>but it will accomplish what I please, and will prosper in what I send it [to do].</u>" (Isaiah 55:11 HCSB)</i>

As we join Him we experience Him throughout the journey are rewarded for our obedience in faith now and for eternity.

SUMMARY TRUTHS...

My 'doing' for Christ can never precede my 'being' in Christ.

My obedience to God can never precede my faith in God.

"Come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain." (Exodus 3:10-12 HCSB)

IN MANY WAYS, OBEDIENCE IS YOUR MOMENT OF TRUTH.

WHAT YOU DO WILL¹:

- 1. Reveal what you _____ about Him.**
- 2. Determine whether you will _____ Him mighty working in you and through you.**
- 3. Determine whether you will come to _____ Him more intimately.**

Pastor's Suggested Daily Bible Reading...

DAY	DAILY EXPERIENCE
Monday	Unit 9, Day 1, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Tuesday	Unit 9, Day 2, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Wednesday	Unit 9, Day 3, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Thursday	Unit 9, Day 4, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Friday	Unit 9, Day 5, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Saturday	Isaiah 55
Sunday	Isaiah 56

¹ Experiencing God, page 147