Space for God Increasing My Obedience

PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit...

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7

CONFESSION

As I learn your righteous regulations,
I will thank you by living as I should!
I will obey your decrees.
Please don't give up on me!
How can a young person stay pure?

By obeying your word. Psalm 119:7-9

WORSHIP

Lord, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws; our heart's desire is to glorify your name. Isaiah 26:8

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION - Luke 17:5-10*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."

The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!

"When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his

master say, 'Come in and eat with me'? No, he says, 'Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.' And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. In the same way,

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.'"

ANCHORING PRAYER

"I am Your servant Lord."

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

What did I do that was an act of obedience to God? In what area of my life do I lack faith?

WISDOM

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. Hebrews 11:8

...and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:2b

Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Romans 6:16

TESTIMONY What is God saying to me?

INTERCESSION Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.

BENEDICTION

Teach me your decrees, O Lord;

I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions;

I will put them into practice with all my heart.

Make me walk along the path of your commands,

for that is where my happiness is found.

[Amen]

Psalm 119:33-35

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.

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