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## Is Bargaining with God Right or Wrong?

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### Why We Bargain with God

1. We are desperate and have nowhere else to turn
2. We need God to solve our crisis
3. We need something from God
4. We want something from God

### Bargaining with God...

1. Fails to recognize God's sovereignty & just judgement – Abraham (Gen 18:16-33)

Three Questions Related to God's Sovereignty

- a. Is God in control of all things?
- b. Does God work in your life for your good and His glory?
- c. Does God have the right to do with your life as He wills?

2. Fails to acknowledge the foolishness of bargaining with God – Jephthah (Judges 11:30-31)

Why is it Foolish to Bargain with God?

- a. Because we have nothing to bargain with
- b. Because our relationship with God is based on mercy and grace NOT on what we think we have earned or think we deserve

3. Fails to affirm that God owes us nothing – David (2 Sam 12:14-23)  
What Do We Deserve from God?

- a. We deserve death and hell (Rom 6:23)
- b. We don't deserve the love & grace that God gives us (Rom 3:20-24)

4. Fails to respond to God with trust and obedience – Hezekiah (Isa 39:8)

### Crucial Decision

- Will you surrender to God believing whatever He chooses to do with your life is for your good and His glory? Or...
- Will you serve God conditionally never experiencing the presence and power of God at work in your life?