

The Servant of the Lord: Confidence in the Midst of Trials

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I. Unconditional Obedience

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The Lord God – Adonai Yahweh אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה.

Phil. 2:6-8 Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Mat. 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples **that he must go to Jerusalem** and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Mat. 20:17-19 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem. **And the Son of Man will be delivered over** to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.'

Mat. 26:67-68 Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, 'Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?'

Luke 23:11 And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.

Mat. 27:27-29 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'

Mat. 27:30-31 And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

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1 Pet. 2:21-23 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

II. Unshakable Confidence

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A. Deep Trust in God

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- **The Reliability of God's Word**

Luke 16:17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

Luke 22:22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!

Rom. 8:31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Luke 12:4-7 I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

- **The Proven Record of God's Faithfulness in History**

Heb. 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

- **The Proven Faithfulness of God in Our Own Lives**

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B. Freedom from Human Approval

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C. Confidence in God's Work

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