

# The Gospels

## The Son's Dependence on the Father

**John 5:17<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

### 3 Ways to Grow More Dependent on God

#### 1. I need to stay in contact with God.

**John 5:19 (NIV)** “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)** “Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray continually, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

#### 2. I need to find my security in God.

**John 5:20<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.”

### GOD LOVES ME!

**John 5:20<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.”

#### 3. I need to receive my validation from God.

**John 5:36-37<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup>And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me.”

**Psalms 119:89 (NIV)** “Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.”

**John 14:12 (NIV)** “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these...”