

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY. NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TODAY.

>> WELCOME TO GOOD NEWS TODAY, THE PROGRAM WHERE YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND GOOD NEWS, NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD.

>> I'M MARK TESKE, YOUR HOST FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. AND WE'VE GOT A GREAT PROGRAM. HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, AND THAT CONSISTS OF OUR SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF THAT SCRIPTURE. TODAY WE'LL BE LOOKING AT HEBREWS 5:8-9, A PASSAGE THAT HELPS US UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JESUS AND OBEDIENCE. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO HEBREWS 5. I'LL MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME. ROGER CAMPBELL JOINS US TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO OBEY THE GOSPEL? JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS ABOUT A PROMISE KEPT. FREDDIE CLAYTON COMES TO US FROM THE PASTIME PORCH, AND HE'S WARNING US ABOUT SOMETHING. WE'LL SEE WHAT THAT'S ABOUT IN JUST A MOMENT. CHAD DOLLAHITE JOINS US FOR JUST A MINUTE, AND HE'S TELLING US ABOUT THREE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT. IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR ANTHONY DISMUKE AND TROY SPRADLIN: IN WHAT WAY ARE GOD'S COMMANDMENTS NOT BURDENSOME, AS DESCRIBED IN 1ST JOHN 5:3? WELL, I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO HEBREWS CHAPTER 5, WHERE WE READ TOGETHER BEGINNING IN VERSE NUMBER 8, THOUGH HE WAS A SON, YET HE LEARNED OBEDIENCE BY THE THINGS WHICH HE SUFFERED. AND HAVING BEEN PERFECTED, HE BECAME THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION TO ALL WHO OBEY HIM.

>> (SINGING)

>> THIS SECTION OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS IS TALKING ABOUT JESUS AS OUR HIGH PRIEST TODAY. NOW, THE HEBREWS WRITER HAS JUST TALKED ABOUT JESUS SUFFERING, CRIES, AND PLEAS TO THE FATHER, MOST LIKELY A REFERENCE TO THAT DIFFICULT EVENING IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. AND OUR TEXT TELLS US THAT JESUS LEARNED OBEDIENCE. THAT'S KIND OF AN INTERESTING STATEMENT, BECAUSE JESUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ETERNAL GOD, JOHN 1:1-2; BUT HE EMPTIED HIMSELF OF SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF HIS DEITY, PHILIPPIANS 2:5, WHEN HE CAME TO THIS EARTH AS A MAN. AND HE HAD THAT HUMAN EXPERIENCE, AND THROUGH THAT EXPERIENCE, HE LEARNED HOW TO OBEY. AND HOW WAS THIS LESSON TAUGHT TO HIM? THROUGH SUFFERING. PHILIPPIANS 2:8 TELLS US THAT JESUS WAS OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS. SO ALL THE WAY THROUGH HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY, HE KNEW WHERE IT WAS GOING TO END; IT WAS GOING TO TAKE HIM TO THE CROSS; AND HE HAD TO LIVE WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE FOR YEARS, AS HE WAS WORKING. HE WAS INDEED SUFFERING BEFORE GETHSEMANE, BUT IN GETHSEMANE, HE WAS SUFFERING MORE AS HE WAS THERE STRUGGLING WITH THE ISSUE BEFORE HIM. AND THEN VERY SOON THEREAFTER, HE WAS ABANDONED BY HIS DISCIPLES. HE WAS FALSELY ACCUSED, RIDICULED, SCOURGED, AND SENT OFF TO BE TORTUROUSLY KILLED AFTER BEING DECLARED INNOCENT THREE TIMES. HE SUFFERED BECAUSE IT WAS THE FATHER'S WILL. AND THROUGH THIS SUFFERING, HE WAS MADE COMPLETE, PERFECTED. HE HAD MORE OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE THAN WE'LL EVER KNOW. AND HE HAS THAT EXPERIENCE TO FALL BACK ON. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING HIGH PRIEST FOR US TODAY. AND THROUGH THIS PROCESS, HE MADE SALVATION POSSIBLE. HE BECAME THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION TO A SPECIFIC GROUP OF PEOPLE: TO ALL WHO OBEY HIM. SO SALVATION IS LIMITED TO THOSE WHO OBEY HIM. OBEDIENCE IS MANDATORY. ANYONE WHO TELLS YOU OTHERWISE, THEY'RE A FALSE TEACHER. SO WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS PASSAGE?

WELL, FIRST OFF, EVERYBODY IS GOING TO GO THROUGH SUFFERING. EVEN JESUS HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT. WE ALSO LEARN OBEDIENCE IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR SALVATION. IN ADDITION TO TODAY'S PASSAGE, THERE'S A FEW OTHERS: MATTHEW 7:21-23, NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, LORD, LORD SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. THAT'S OBEDIENCE. GALATIANS 3:1, O FOOLISH GALATIANS! WHO HAS BEWITCHED YOU, THAT YOU SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH? YOU SEE, THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH OBEDIENCE THERE. 2ND THESSALONIANS 1:8 TALKS ABOUT JESUS COMING AGAIN IN FLAMING FIRE, TAKING VENGEANCE ON THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW GOD AND THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. YOU SEE, THE GOSPEL AND OBEDIENCE GO TOGETHER. 1ST PETER 4:17, THE TIME HAS COME FOR JUDGMENT TO BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD; AND IF IT BEGINS WITH US FIRST, WHAT WILL BE THE END OF THOSE WHO DID NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL OF GOD? YOU SEE, THAT OBEDIENCE ONCE AGAIN IS REQUIRED. ANYONE WHO TELLS YOU OBEDIENCE ISN'T NECESSARY FOR SALVATION, THEY'RE A FALSE TEACHER. BUT YOU SEE, THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION HAS APPEARED TO ALL MEN. SO YOU CAN MAKE THE DECISION TO BE OBEDIENT TO HIM AND BE SAVED. HOW DO YOU DO THAT? READ THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS, OBEY THE SAME COMMANDS THAT THEY WERE TOLD TO OBEY. YOU'LL HAVE YOUR SINS WASHED AWAY, AND YOU'LL BECOME JUST WHAT THEY BECAME: AND THAT'S A SAVED CHILD OF GOD. YOUR SINS WILL BE WASHED AWAY, ACTS 22:16. YOU WILL HAVE THAT BLESSING OF ETERNAL LIFE. AND THAT IS GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. NOW ROGER CAMPBELL ANSWERS THE QUESTION THAT WE RAISED JUST A MOMENT AGO: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO OBEY THE GOSPEL? BE READY ALWAYS.

>> IN THE BIBLE, THERE'S A THREE-WORD EXPRESSION, OBEY THE GOSPEL. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO A PERSON? THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE IN A RELIGIOUS ENVIRONMENT, AND THEY NEVER HEAR THAT LANGUAGE. SO IF YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE BIBLE'S CONCEPT OF OBEYING THE GOSPEL, DON'T ASSUME THAT OTHER PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS WITHOUT SOME TYPE OF EXPLANATION. THREE TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, WE READ THOSE WORDS, OBEY THE GOSPEL. AND THE FIRST TIME IS IN ROMANS 10:16, WHERE THE BIBLE SIMPLY SAYS, BUT THEY HAVE NOT ALL OBEYED THE GOSPEL. THE BIBLE CLEARLY SETS FORTH THE CONSEQUENCE, 2ND THESSALONIANS 1:8, FOR THOSE THAT KNOW NOT GOD AND OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: THEY'RE GOING TO BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION. AND IN THE THIRD INSTANCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHERE WE FIND THE LANGUAGE OBEY THE GOSPEL IS 1ST PETER 4:17. SO IT'S INTERESTING, EACH TIME THAT PHRASE IS USED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, IT'S ALWAYS ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE. WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY? SO THE GOSPEL INCLUDES FACTS THAT PEOPLE MUST BELIEVE IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. WE READ ABOUT THOSE FACTS IN 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:3-4, THAT JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, HE WAS BURIED, AND HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD. SO THERE ARE THE FACTS OF THE GOSPEL. BUT WE COULD ALSO SAY THE GOSPEL MESSAGE INCLUDES WARNINGS, IT INCLUDES PROMISES OF BLESSINGS, AND IT ALSO INVOLVES COMMANDS. AND WHEN IT COMES TO COMMANDS, WHAT'S EXPECTED OF HUMANS IS TO RESPOND BY DOING WHAT? BY OBEYING. I WANT TO TURN OVER AND LOOK AT 1ST PETER CHAPTER 1, BEGINNING IN VERSE NUMBER 22. AND I THINK THIS WILL HELP US IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO OBEY THE GOSPEL. IN 1ST PETER 1:22, AS PETER IS WRITING TO CHRISTIANS, HE SAID, SEEING THAT YOU HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH. AND LET'S PAUSE FOR A MOMENT. ACCORDING TO THAT STATEMENT OF PETER, HOW WERE THEIR SOULS PURIFIED? THEY WERE PURIFIED BY OBEYING THE TRUTH. HE GOES ON TO SAY IN THE NEXT VERSE, BEING BORN AGAIN, NOT OF CORRUPTIBLE SEED BUT OF INCORRUPTIBLE, BY THE WORD OF GOD WHICH LIVETH AND ABIDETH FOREVER. AND SO THERE IN VERSE 22 IS THE CONCEPT OBEY

THE TRUTH. AND THEN IN VERSE 23, IT'S BORN AGAIN. AND SO THE QUESTION IS, HOW ARE THEY BORN AGAIN? ANSWER: BY OBEYING THE TRUTH. WELL, LET'S CONSIDER THIS: WHAT WOULD BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OBEYING THE TRUTH AND OBEYING THE GOSPEL? AND THE ANSWER IS THEY'RE EXACTLY THE SAME, BECAUSE THE GOSPEL IS THE WORD OF TRUTH, COLOSSIANS 1:5-6. AND SO OBEYING THE GOSPEL THEN WOULD BE A SUBMISSION TO ANY COMMANDS THAT ARE GIVEN FOR A PERSON WHO'S LOST. IT WOULD INCLUDE BELIEVING IN JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD, REPENTING OF OUR SINS, CONFESSING OUR FAITH, AND THEN BEING IMMersed FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. AND THEN IT COMES TOGETHER IN ACTS 2 WHEN THOSE WHO HEARD PETER'S MESSAGE SAID, MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO? AND PETER SAID, REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, VERSE 38. AND SO OBEYING THE GOSPEL, IT'S OBEYING THOSE COMMANDS WHICH ARE GIVEN FOR A PERSON WHO'S LOST TO BECOME A SAVED PERSON. I'M ROGER CAMPBELL, AND THIS HAS BEEN BE READY ALWAYS.

>> IF ANYONE TRIES TO CONVINCe YOU THAT OBEDIENCE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE GOSPEL, THEY'RE CONTRADICTING CLEAR BIBLE TEACHING. THANKS, ROGER. WELL, PLEASE OPEN UP YOUR BIBLE AND SPEND TIME STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD. WE OFFER A FREE BIBLE COURSE TO HELP YOU DO THAT VERY THING. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU OUR CONTACT INFORMATION. THEN WE'LL BE JOINED BY JIM DEARMAN.

>> YOU MAY HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT GOOD NEWS TODAY. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FREE BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS, PLEASE CONTACT US. OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. AGAIN, THAT'S GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. YOU MAY PREFER TO E-MAIL US AT GOODNEWTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. THAT'S GOODNEWTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. OR CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-384-7221. THAT'S 1-877-384-7221. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. HEARING FROM OUR AUDIENCE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TO US.

>> THE EASIEST WAY TO ENROLL IN OUR BIBLE COURSE IS ON OUR WEBSITE AT GNTTV.ORG. JUST CLICK WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION, AND WE'LL MAIL IT TO YOU. YOU CAN FIND US ON TRUTH.FM, WHICH HAS A CHANNEL THAT'S DEDICATED TO GOOD NEWS TODAY. YOU'LL HEAR PROGRAMS FROM ALL DIFFERENT ERAS PLAYING THERE. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE SEVERAL OTHER CHANNELS THAT ALL CONTAIN EXCELLENT BIBLE TEACHING. GIVE THEM A LISTEN AT TRUTH.FM. HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT A PROMISE KEPT.

>> THERE'S A REPORT THAT ONE DAY, PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS RIDING IN A COACH WITH A COLONEL FROM KENTUCKY. THE COLONEL TOOK A BOTTLE FROM HIS COAT AND OFFERED PRESIDENT LINCOLN A DRINK. NO, THANK YOU, COLONEL, LINCOLN REPLIED. WHEN HE WAS OFFERED A CIGAR, LINCOLN REPLIED, NO, THANK YOU, COLONEL. LINCOLN THEN EXPLAINED HIS REFUSALS. HE TOLD THE COLONEL, ONE DAY WHEN I WAS ABOUT NINE YEARS OLD, MY MOTHER CALLED ME TO HER BED. SHE WAS VERY SICK. SHE SAID, ABE, THE DOCTOR TELLS ME THAT I'M NOT GOING TO GET WELL. I WANT YOU TO BE A GOOD BOY. I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME BEFORE I GO THAT YOU WILL NEVER USE WHISKEY OR TOBACCO AS LONG AS YOU LIVE. LINCOLN SAID, I PROMISED MY MOTHER THAT I WOULD, AND UP TO THIS HOUR, I KEPT THAT PROMISE. AND THEN HE ASKED THE COLONEL, WOULD YOU ADVISE ME TO BREAK THAT PROMISE? THE COLONEL REPLIED, MR. LINCOLN, I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU BREAK THAT PROMISE FOR THE WORLD. I WOULD GIVE \$1000 TODAY IF I HAD MADE MY

MOTHER A PROMISE LIKE THAT AND KEPT IT LIKE YOU HAVE DONE. I WOULD BE A MUCH BETTER MAN THAN I AM.

>> WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THAT PROMISE TO ANYONE BUT OURSELVES, BUT IT'S A PROMISE THAT'S WORTH MAKING. THANKS FOR THOSE THOUGHTS, JIM. HAVE YOU EVER MISSED AN EPISODE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY AND WISH YOU COULD WATCH IT? HERE'S A FEW WAYS YOU CAN DO THAT: ON OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, OR YOUTUBE. YOU CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD OUR APP, AND YOU CAN WATCH ON YOUR PHONE, TELEVISION, OR TABLET. FREDDIE CLAYTON IS WAITING FOR US IN THE PASTIME PORCH, AND HE'S WARNING US ABOUT SOMETHING.

>> LIFE IS FILLED WITH WARNING SIGNS LIKE BRIDGE OUT AHEAD, POISON, DO NOT OPERATE MACHINERY AFTER TAKING THIS MEDICINE, RIP CURRENTS, SOFT ROAD SHOULDERS, DO NOT PASS, DETOUR. AND WE'RE WISE TO HEED THESE WARNINGS. HAVE YOU EVER, THOUGH, CONSIDERED THE FOUR PLACES THAT GOD HAS PLACED THE BE NOT DECEIVED SIGN? HE'S WARNING US IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. FIRST EXAMPLE, LUKE 21:8, JESUS WARNED, TAKE HEED THAT YOU BE NOT DECEIVED, FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME. ISN'T IT IRONIC THAT THIS WARNING ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS WAS GIVEN TO FOUR DISCIPLES WHOM WE THINK WOULD NEVER BE DECEIVED AT ALL: PETER, ANDREW, JAMES, AND JOHN? AND YET, IF THESE MEN HAD TRAVELED WITH HIM FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS COULD BE DECEIVED, COULDN'T IT ALSO BE THAT WE COULD BE DECEIVED AS WELL? THEREFORE, DON'T BE DECEIVED. THE SAME SECOND TIME THE EXPRESSION IS FOUND, 1ST CORINTHIANS 6:9, WHERE WE READ, PAUL WRITING, DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE UNRIGHTEOUS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD? DO NOT BE DECEIVED: NEITHER FORNICATORS, NOR IDOLATERS, NOR ADULTERERS, NOR HOMOSEXUALS, NOR SODOMITES, NOR THIEVES, NOR COVETOUS, NOR DRUNKARDS, NOR REVILERS, NOR EXTORTIONERS WILL INHERIT THE KING OF GOD. IN AN AGE OF INCREASED IMMORALITY, AMERICA SHOULD HEED THIS WARNING SIGN STRAIGHT FROM GOD. CONSIDER YOURSELF WARNED. THOSE WHO PERSIST IN THESE SINS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. IN THE SAME EPISTLE, 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:33, PAUL GIVES US OUR THIRD BE NOT DECEIVED. BE NOT DECEIVED: EVIL COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD HABITS, OR EVIL COMPANIONSHIPS CORRUPTS GOOD MORALS. WE OFTEN GIVE THIS WARNING ABOUT HOW EVIL COMPANIONS CORRUPT GOOD MORALS TO YOUNG PEOPLE. BUT FRIENDS, OLDER PEOPLE NEED TO HEED THIS JUST AS MUCH AS THE YOUNG. IF YOU THINK THAT YOUR UNGODLY FRIENDS COULD NEVER PULL YOU DOWN, THEN YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN DECEIVED. CONSIDER YOURSELF WARNED. THE FOURTH TIME I WANT US TO LOOK AT IN WHICH THIS EXPRESSION IS FOUND IS GALATIANS 6:7-8. BE NOT DECEIVED: GOD IS NOT MOCKED. FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWS, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. FOR HE THAT SOWS TO HIS FLESH WILL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION; BUT HE THAT SOWS TO THE SPIRIT WILL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING. EACH PERSON IS EITHER SOWING TO THE SPIRIT OR IS SOWING TO THE FLESH. YOUR LIFE IS EITHER FOCUSED ON THIS WORLD AND ALL OF ITS DECEPTIVE APPEAL OR IT'S FOCUSED ON YOUR SPIRITUAL SIDE. IF YOU THINK YOU CAN LIVE IN BOTH OF THESE WORLDS AT THE SAME TIME, YOU'VE ALREADY IGNORED THE HEAVENLY DANGER SIGN. WISE INDIVIDUALS READ AND HEED WARNING SIGNS; WISER INDIVIDUALS READ AND HEED HEAVENLY ONES. THE QUESTION THAT COMES TO ALL OF US, ARE YOU WISE? THIS IS FREDDIE CLAYTON WALKING AND TALKING IN THE LIGHT.

>> SCRIPTURE IS FILLED WITH WARNINGS FOR US ALL, AND GOD PUT THEM THERE FOR US BECAUSE THEY'RE IMPORTANT. IF YOU THINK THEY'RE A BURDEN,

STAY WITH US, BECAUSE ANTHONY AND TROY ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT IN JUST A MOMENT. THANKS, FREDDIE. SPEAKING OF ANTHONY AND TROY, THEY HAVE A NEW PODCAST CALLED HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION, AND IT'S AVAILABLE WHEREVER YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS. NOW, CHAD DOLLAHITE JOINS US FOR JUST A MINUTE, AND HE'S TALKING ABOUT THREE WORDS.

>> MAY I HAVE JUST A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME? ACTS 24:25 RECORDS HOW PAUL PREACHED TO THE GOVERNOR FELIX, REASONING TO HIM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, SELF-CONTROL, AND JUDGMENT TO COME. AND IF EVER A MAN NEEDED SUCH A SERMON, HISTORY TELLS US IT WAS FELIX. HOWEVER, I'M CONVINCED THAT IF EVER A NATION AND CULTURE NEEDED TO HEAR THE SAME SERMON, IT'S OURS. WE NEED TO HEAR ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS. GOD'S WORD HAS BEEN PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO BE RIGHT, AND WE NEED TO STUDY IT AND FOLLOW IT FAITHFULLY. WE NEED TO HEAR ABOUT SELF-CONTROL. OUR NATION AND CULTURE SO OFTEN ENCOURAGES A TOTAL AND COMPLETE LACK OF SELF-CONTROL. AND WE NEED TO HEAR ABOUT THE JUDGMENT TO COME. YOU SEE, ALL WILL STAND BEFORE GOD ONE DAY AND GIVE ACCOUNT OF THEIR LIVES TO HIM. ACTS 24:25 ALSO TELLS US FELIX TREMBLED, BUT HE SENT PAUL AWAY FOR A CONVENIENT TIME, AS HE PUT IT. AND FOLKS, THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE BIBLE THAT A CONVENIENT TIME EVER CAME FOR FELIX. WHAT ABOUT US? WE HAVE NO PROMISE OF TOMORROW. LET'S LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY AND WITH SELF-CONTROL, REALIZING THERE IS A JUDGMENT DAY COMING. I'M CHAD DOLLAHITE, AND THIS IS JUST A MINUTE.

>> WE DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL HAVE TIME TO OBEY LATER. THANKS, CHAD. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO ANTHONY AND TROY, AND THEY'LL BE TEACHING FROM 1ST JOHN 5, SO YOU'LL WANT TO GRAB YOUR BIBLE AND TURN THERE SO YOU'RE READY.

>> (SINGING)

>> NOW WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR ANTHONY AND TROY: IN WHAT WAY ARE GOD'S COMMANDMENTS NOT BURDENSOME?

>> FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS; AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GRIEVOUS. THAT'S 1ST JOHN 5:3. THAT'S WHERE OUR QUESTION IS STEMMING FROM TODAY.

>> OKAY.

>> THE QUESTION THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US TODAY IS: IN WHAT WAYS ARE GOD'S COMMANDMENTS NOT BURDENSOME?

>> OH, WOW. WHAT A GREAT QUESTION. AND I THINK IF I CAN KIND OF SURMISE WHAT THE HEART OF THE QUESTION IS, IS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE LOOK AT CHRISTIANITY AS JUST A BUNCH OF RULES AND THAT YOU CAN'T REALLY HAVE ANY FUN AND THAT GOD IS LIKE THIS POLICEMAN UP IN HEAVEN JUST WAITING TO GET ONTO US OR SOMETHING. AND THAT'S JUST NOT THE CASE AT ALL.

>> RIGHT. THAT'S THE FURTHEST THING FROM THE TRUTH. AND THE WAY WE WANT TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION IS SIMPLY BY STAYING IN THE TEXT, RIGHT?

>> YES.

>> WE WANT TO STAY IN THE TEXT BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE ANSWER IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

>> CONTEXT EVERY TIME.

>> RIGHT. AND SOMETIMES THE ANSWER IS RIGHT THERE, AND YOU JUST OVERLOOK IT BECAUSE YOU'RE JUST ACCUSTOMED TO READING AND JUST GOING THROUGH STUFF; BUT SOMETIMES THE ANSWER IS RIGHT THERE. AND SO THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO TODAY, IS FIND THE ANSWER THAT'S RIGHT HERE IN OUR TEXT.

>> OKAY.

>> IN THE FIRST FEW WORDS, WE SEE A KEY WORD BEING REVEALED: FOR THIS IS THE LOVE, RIGHT? THE LOVE OF GOD. SO THAT'S THE PREMISE, THAT'S OUR BASE RIGHT THERE, THE LOVE, RIGHT? AND EVERYTHING THAT FOLLOWS THAT IS BASED UPON THE LOVE OF GOD. SO FOR US TO OBEY HIS COMMANDS, THAT'S THE LOVE OF GOD. SO NOW YOU CAN FILL THAT IN, YOU KNOW, WITH YOURSELF. THIS IS THE LOVE OF ANTHONY, THAT I OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS. I'M SHOWING HIM MY LOVE BY OBEYING HIS COMMANDS.

>> EXACTLY. AND THAT'S REALLY NO DIFFERENT, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT FROM AN EARTHLY POINT OF VIEW, IS EVEN A CHILD AND A FATHER. YOU KNOW, A CHILD, IF HE LOVES HIS FATHER, LOVES HIS PARENTS, HE'S GOING TO DO THE THINGS THAT THAT PARENT WANTS THEM TO DO. IT'S NOT BURDENSOME AT ALL.

>> RIGHT. AND IN GETTING A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF THESE PASSAGES AS YOU GO THROUGH THEM, LOOK AT THE VERSES THAT SURROUND THEM, RIGHT? SO BEGINNING WITH VERSE 1 AND VERSE 2, YOU SEE THE WORD LOVE BEING USED FOUR TIMES. THEN YOU GET TO VERSE 3, THAT'S ANOTHER ONE THAT'S ADDED UNTO THAT NUMBER. AND SO LOVE IS THE THEME HERE.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> THAT'S THE THEME, AND THAT'S WHAT LETS US KNOW THAT THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE COMMANDS NOT BURDENSOME.

>> EXACTLY. AND THEN IF YOU JUST SIMPLY ADD WHAT JESUS TEACHES, WHAT IS THE GREATEST COMMAND OF ALL? TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH, AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. SO HOW HARD IS IT, REALLY, TO NOT STEAL FROM SOMEBODY? HOW HARD IS IT TO NOT COVET THEIR THINGS? HOW HARD IS IT TO NOT MURDER THEM? BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR GOD AND FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO THOSE THINGS. BUT IF YOU DO THOSE THINGS, IT'S ACTUALLY HARDER BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCES THAT COMES FROM IT.

>> RIGHT. YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER LIVING THAT KIND OF LIFE.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> THERE'S A SITUATION THAT TOOK PLACE. THERE'S A SITUATION THAT TOOK PLACE WHERE A BOY HAD A BROTHER. HE HAD A BROTHER WHO HAD POLIO, RIGHT? WHICH MEANS THAT HE HAD BRACES ON HIS LEGS, AND IT'S VERY HARD FOR HIM TO GET TO CERTAIN PLACES. AND SO THIS BROTHER WOULD HAVE TO CARRY HIS BROTHER UP THE STAIRS. HIS BROTHER WOULD HAVE TO TAKE HIM TO

DIFFERENT PLACES, AND HE WOULD HAVE TO CARRY HIS BROTHER AROUND SOMETIMES. AND THESE PEOPLE, WHEN THEY SAW THAT TAKING PLACE, THEY SAY, WOW, WHAT A HEAVY BURDEN THAT IS. ISN'T THAT A HEAVY LOAD FOR YOU? AND HE SAYS, NO, IT'S NOT A BURDEN. HE'S MY BROTHER.

>> WOW. GOOD APPLICATION RIGHT THERE, TOO. THE VERY SAME THING THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US. I DO IT BECAUSE I LOVE HIM.

>> RIGHT. SO WHEN WE LOVE GOD IN THE WAY THAT WE OUGHT TO, HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT BURDENSOME UNTO US. WE DO IT BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US, AND ALSO BECAUSE WE LOVE HIM IN RETURN DO WE SHOW IT BY OBEYING HIS COMMANDS.

>> AMEN.

>> WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT OBEDIENCE IN THIS PROGRAM. IT'S VITAL IF YOU WANT TO GET TO HEAVEN. AND THAT OBEDIENCE CAN'T BE SEPARATED FROM OUR LOVE FOR GOD. CHECK THESE THINGS IN THE BIBLE FOR YOURSELF. SEE IF THEY'RE SO. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS DO THAT. CHECK EVERY RELIGIOUS TEACHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD. EVEN CHECK US, MAKE SURE WE'RE USING THESE PASSAGES IN THEIR PROPER CONTEXT. IF YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PROGRAM AGAIN, HAVE SOME TIME TO CHECK THOSE SCRIPTURES, YOU CAN DO THAT THROUGH OUR WEBSITE, THROUGH OUR APPS, OR THROUGH OUR PODCAST. YOU STILL HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT WE'VE SAID? CONTACT US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND ANSWER THAT QUESTION. REMEMBER, WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

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