

Monday **Obedience**
10/17/11

After reading the passage, it is easy to see just how important obedience is. Disobedience cost Saul and his family the throne. God demands our obedience.

READ: 1 Samuel 15

QUESTIONS: What was Saul supposed to do (verse 3)? What did Saul do (verses 8-9)? Did Saul obey God? Why or why not? What was God's response to Saul's disobedience (verses 11, 22-23, 26)? What do you learn from this passage concerning submission? How will this change your commitment to Christ?

Pray Daily Prayer

Wednesday **Submission and Relationship**
10/19/11

God wants to be in relationship with you more than anything! Our relationship with God is one of submission. Too often, we decide to follow our own desires instead of God's desires.

READ: Matthew 7:21-23

QUESTIONS: How does Jesus describe the one who will enter the kingdom of heaven? Did those who Jesus drove away perform acts of righteousness? Why weren't those acts of righteousness accepted? What do you hear God saying to you in this passage? According to this scripture, what is necessary to have a good relationship with God?

Pray Daily Prayer

3. _____ do I
submit?
1 Samuel 15, Acts 4:18-20

Tuesday **Abraham**
10/18/11

Abraham is known as a submissive follower of God. Blessings accompany those who submit to the Lord and follow his commands.

READ: Genesis 12:1-4, Hebrews 11:8

QUESTIONS: What was Abraham supposed to do (verse 1)? What did Abraham do (verse 4)? Did Abraham obey the Lord? Why or why not? What was God's response to Abraham's obedience (verses 2-3)? What do you learn from this passage concerning submission? How will this change the way you live in submission to Christ?

Pray Daily Prayer

Thursday **Trust**
10/20/11

Our submission to God is an act of trust. God trusts us with a command and we trust God through our obedience. God always provides for those who submit to him.

READ: Genesis 22:1-14

QUESTIONS: What exactly did God test concerning Abraham? What was Abraham's response? How could Abraham respond the way he did? What did Abraham expect to happen? What happened? Can you see any parallels between this story and your own life? What is God calling you to do? Do you trust him? Submission is an act of trust.

Pray Daily Prayer

Answers:
whom ~ How ~
When

All scripture is from the NIV (New International Version) Bible unless noted above.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

**Building Blocks:
Make it So!**

Philippians 2:5-8

1. To _____ shall I submit?

James 4:7, Romans 13:1-5,
Hebrews 13:17

2. _____ do I submit?

Proverbs 3:5-6, Luke 1:38,
Philippians 2:14-16

Winning the county for Christ

**Friday
10/21/11**

Authority in the World

We are instructed to submit to all authorities in our lives, including those instituted by man as long as they do not interfere with God's law.

READ: 1 Peter 2:13-17

QUESTIONS: What is the action word used in the first two verses? Which authorities does God expect us to submit to? Why does God call us to submit to the world's authority? How well do you submit to authority? When should you not submit to worldly authority and in what manner?

Pray Daily Prayer

**Saturday and Sunday
10/22/11-10/23/11**

Authority in the Church

We are instructed to live a life of submission—submission to God, to the authorities of our world, and to the authority of the church.

READ: Hebrews 13:17, Matthew 18:17

QUESTIONS: In these verses, who are you expected to submit to? Why do you think God calls you to submit to them? How well do you submit to church leadership? What do you think God is speaking to you concerning submission to the church?

Pray Daily Prayer

Building Blocks:

Make It So!

Taking responsibility for our sin and surrendering our lives to Christ are the first steps in living under the guidance, protection, and blessings of our God. The Lord calls us into relationship with him. This third building block is also very important in sustaining our relationship with God. It is called submission. This week, notice the moments in your life where you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit calling you to submission.

Pray daily for our church family...

Paul Bailey, Christy Baker, Becca Boroff, Larry Brinley, Wayne Day, Amy Denlinger, Connie Flatter, Patsy & Bud Gable, Preston Geesaman, Laura Hart, Norma Highley, Jim Irwin, Jean Kelly, Heidi Linebaugh, Bette Reamer, Chester Rice, Margaret Richards, Gene Riegle, Mary Rodeheffer, Rachel Silknitter, Mark Simpson, Dale Sink, Tom Stucke, Betty Trump, Alexa Hope Walker, and Mary Williams.

Request Prayers by submitting a prayer card at worship or emailing prayer@eumchurch.org.

MY PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

DAILY PRAYER:

I surrender my life to you, O God and will follow wherever you lead me. Give me the courage to submit to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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GrowPrayStudy

Use this prayer and study guide to grow each week more in love with God and others.

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