



The Bible – Knowing the Truth

Roger Staubach, who led the Dallas Cowboys to the world Championship in '71 admitted that his position as a quarterback who didn't call his own signals was a source of trial for him. Coach Landry sent in every play. He told Roger when to pass, when to run and only in emergency situations could he change the play (and he had better be right!). Even though Roger considered coach Landry to have a "genius mind" when it came to football strategy, pride said that he should be able to run his own team. Roger later said, "I faced up to the issue of obedience. Once I learned to obey there was harmony, fulfillment, and victory."

Obedience. We all struggle with it. We think we know what is best for us. Authority, expectations, standards are not the easiest for us to accept and submit to. But God has developed a plan which will offer us success and victory if we follow it. But following God's plan takes our obedience and submissive spirit. We need to humble ourselves and follow the principles in God's word if we want to experience the abundant life God has in store for us. As His children, we have an awesome opportunity to become intimate with our Heavenly Father. Our obedience to the principles in His word is what makes the Christian life powerful and fulfilling.

Scripture

Read 2 Chronicles 34:14-33

Discovery Questions

1. Could you imagine finding the "law of the Lord" after it had been missing all this time? How would you have reacted? After you return to God's word after being away from it, how do you feel when you start encountering His words?
2. In verses 27 – 28, we find that God's response to Josiah's seeking Him out is one of grace and forgiveness. Why do you think God responds this way instead of the original pending judgment? What is at the heart of God's response to Josiah's actions?

3. In verses 30-33, we see all that Josiah does in reaction to finding the "Law of the Lord". Describe what Josiah's actions tell us about him as a person. Which one of Josiah's actions do you believe was the most important in setting God's people back on the pathway to obedience?
4. Have you taken the time to pray to God for obedience? Have you confessed to God those "issues" that seem to have you held captive?

Journaling

Which verse spoke most powerfully to you? Why?

Prayer: Spend some time in prayer conversing with your God. Use the following ideas as a potential guide to your prayer time.

- Spend some time just praising God for who He is and what He has done for you...
- Ask God to forgive you for the times you have been disobedient...renew your commitment to faithfulness...
- Ask God to give you the same strength and commitment to His laws as Josiah showed...
- Renew your commitment with God in being a child who desires to be obedient to his or her Heavenly Father...