

How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 7** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! Perhaps you have noticed recently I have been trying to change our perspective on obedience. To understand obedience we must first understand the heart of God. He loves us and wants what is best for us. As you read today's passages it would be easy to misunderstand God and read these instructions as demands to earn and maintain His love. Nothing could be further from the truth. God loves us even when we rebel against Him. (Romans 5:10) God's rules, guidelines, and expectations are designed for our flourishing not for our limitation and piety. Does he punish sin? Absolutely. Does He withdraw His love? Never. A truly loving father shows his love for his children by loving them enough to correct them when they go astray. As you read today, look for the expressions of God's love and try not to just focus on the laws and the consequences for breaking those laws. What if we could learn to respond to God's rules out of love and trust instead of fear and obligation? Understanding this will be a solid foundation for tomorrow's sermon..

Things to pray about today:

1. God, show me How much You love me.
2. Am I serving You because I fear You or because I love You and trust You?
3. Teach us to serve You out of our love for You and trust you regardless of our circumstances.

Today's Reading - Deuteronomy 6-II

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: _____

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen