

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Topic: Forward in Faith: Obedient Steps That Rely on God's Power

Scripture: Joshua 3; Luke 5:1-11; James 2:17-26; Philippians 2:12-13

Opening:

Open your time in prayer by thanking God for His faithfulness, asking for courage to obey even when clarity is incomplete, and praying for trust in God's power at work within us.

Give Background & Context:

Throughout Scripture, faith is never passive. God calls His people to move forward in obedience before outcomes are visible, trusting Him to provide what they cannot accomplish on their own.

- Read Joshua 3:13-17
 - Why does God wait for Israel to step into the river before stopping the waters?
 - What does this teach us about obedience and faith?
 - Where do we tend to wait for assurance before acting?
- Read Luke 5:4-7
 - Why would Jesus' command have felt impractical to Peter?
 - What happens only after Peter obeys?
 - Where might God be calling you to obey despite uncertainty?
- Read Philippians 2:12-13
 - How does this passage balance our responsibility with God's power?
 - Why is it freeing to know God supplies both the desire and the ability to obey?
- Reflection Questions
 - What step of obedience is God asking me to take now?