



Making God Smile

Heart and Soul Series
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Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 15:19-23

1. Take His Words Seriously

Saul claimed to obey God, but his actions told a different story. True obedience means fully following God's commands, not just the parts we prefer.

- Samuel asked Saul, "Why did you not _____¹ the Lord?"
- Partial obedience is still _____².

2. Live a Lifestyle of Surrender

God desires a heart that is fully yielded to Him. Our sacrifices mean little if our hearts remain stubborn.

- Samuel says, "To _____³ is better than sacrifice."
- Surrender requires giving up _____⁴.

3. Hold Nothing Back

Real worship means trusting God with everything. Keeping parts of our lives from Him leads to rebellion and pride.

- Rebellion is compared to _____⁵ in verse 23.
- What is one area of your life that you need to fully _____⁶ to God?

1. Obey 2. Disobedience 3. Obey 4. Control 5. Witchcraft 6. Surrender



Group Life Question

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1. What does obedience to God look like in your daily life?
2. Why do you think Saul believed he was obeying God, even when he wasn't?
3. How can we take God's words more seriously in our decisions?
4. What is one area where you struggle to fully surrender to God?
5. Why do you think God values obedience more than sacrifices?
6. How does holding nothing back in our faith bring us closer to God?
7. In what ways do we sometimes justify partial obedience?
8. How can you actively live out full obedience this week?