





Genesis 12:1, 4 (ESV)

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.



Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
- ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.



Genesis 22:2 (ESV)

² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

Genesis 22:12 (ESV)

¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."



Genesis 22:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

Genesis 22:15 (ESV)

¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

1 Samuel 15:18-23 (ESV)

¹⁸ And the LORD sent you on a mission and said, 'Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' ¹⁹ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?"



1 Samuel 15:18-23 (ESV)

²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. ²¹ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

1 Samuel 15:18-23 (ESV)

²² And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination (witchcraft), and presumption (Stubbornness) is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king."

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Jonah 1:1-2 (ESV)

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." ³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.



Lessons learnt from King Saul and Jonah.

God is not interested in what we do to please him but on how we react when He speaks to us.

Obedience to God should not be partial obedience, but should be absolute.

Disobedience is costly.



Luke 6:46-48 (ESV)

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.



Luke 6:46-48 (ESV)

⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."



James 1:22-24 (ESV)

²² But be <u>doers of the word</u>, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.



What holds us back?

- Lack of faith in God.
- Our fears and cares
- Pride and arrogance.
- Warmth of our comfort zones.



Mark 9: 22-24 (AMP)

²² The demon has often thrown him both into fire and into water, intending to kill him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!" 23 Jesus said to him, "[You say to Me,] 'If You can?' All things are possible for the one who believes and trusts [in Me]!" 24 Immediately the father of the boy cried out [with a desperate, piercing cry], saying, "I do believe; help [me overcome] my unbelief."

Romans 6:16 (AMP)

¹⁶ Do you not know that when you *continually* offer yourselves to someone to do his will, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey, either [slaves] of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness (right standing with God)?







