

Make a Difference by...Being Willing to Obey

2 Corinthians 4:7- *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves...*

1. Willing to follow the rules

Genesis 3:8-9- *".....the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"*

1 John 3:21-22- *"Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."*

2. Willing to follow direction

Ephesians 2:10- *For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, that God prepared beforehand that we would walk in them."*

Genesis 12:1-...."*Go forth from your country....to the land I will show you."*

John 2:5- *His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says, do it."*

Small group questions:

Open it: When trying something new, do you prefer to have instructions or figure it out on your own? Please explain. In what scenarios do you like to be told what to do, and when do you dislike it?

Discuss: Take a moment to share thoughts that stood out to you from Sunday's message. Read **1 John 3:21-22**; how do we gain confidence before God? How does it benefit us to keep His commandments? Reflect on Abram's story in **Genesis 12**; what would it have been like for you to be told to leave your home without knowing where you were headed? Share a time when you heard/received direction from God; how did you know it was Him, and what was it like to follow through on what He told you? How would you explain to a new believer what it is like and/or how to hear from God?

Apply: Do a heart check- are there areas of your life that you feel the Lord is trying to correct you in? Pray with one another over areas where confession and/or freedom from condemnation are needed. Do you sense God may be trying to call you to action or make changes in your life? Pray with one another for clarity and boldness.