

TO THE HEART

EMBRACING EACH MOMENT OF LIFE IS TO TAKE EACH MOMENT TO OUR HEART.

THE HEART IS THE DEEPEST SEAT OF THE PERSON. THE HEART REVEALS WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE LOVE. THE HEART IS ALSO THE PLACE OF ENCOUNTER WITH GOD. WE CAN EITHER KEEP GOD DISTANT FROM OUR HEART OR WE CAN GIVE GOD ACCESS TO OUR HEART.

THE ADVENTURE OF OBEDIENCE OBEDIENCE PRECEDES UNDERSTANDING.

WE ARE MADE FOR ADVENTURE. BUT ADVENTURE MEANS MYSTERY AND UNCERTAINTY. OFTEN, WHAT HOLDS US BACK FROM ACTION IS A LACK OF KNOWING WHY. BUT WHAT IF THERE IS A BETTER QUESTION THAN "WHY"? WHAT IF THE ADVENTURE OF OBEDIENCE MEANS ASKING "HOW"?

GOD IN REAL LIFE

This week, don't get bogged down with the "whys" in prayer, in your day-to-day life. Let obedience precede your understanding. Ask the better question "How?" How can I respond to God in this particular moment?

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"I swear by myself," declares the Lord, "that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly ..."
Genesis 22:16-17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. IF YOUR LIFE WAS A MOVIE, WHAT GENRE WOULD YOU WANT IT TO BE? WHY?
(ACTION, DRAMA, ROM-COM, DOCUMENTARY, ETC...)

2. DO YOU VALUE EXCITEMENT OR SECURITY MORE? ARE THERE TIMES WHEN ONE IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN THE OTHER?

3. DO YOU EVER FIND THAT THE QUESTION "WHY?" GETS IN THE WAY OF YOUR LIVING A MORE ADVENTUROUS LIFE? DOES ASKING THE QUESTION "WHY?" ADD MORE VALUE TO YOUR LIFE?
PLEASE SHARE.

4. ABRAHAM WASN'T STUCK IN THE "WHYS" WITH GOD, HIS FAITH AND TRUST IN HIM DIRECTED HIS STEPS WITH ISAAC. WHY DO YOU THINK THAT HIS OBEDIENCE NEEDED TO COME BEFORE UNDERSTANDING? HOW DID HIS PLACING OBEDIENCE BEFORE UNDERSTANDING STRENGTHEN HIS FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD?

5. "IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE SOURCE OF THE ADVICE, YOU AREN'T GOING TO DUCK." DO YOU KNOW THE SOUND OF GOD'S VOICE? WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE? HOW DO YOU SEPARATE HIS VOICE FROM THE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS AND INFLUENCES IN YOUR OWN LIFE?