

I will be with You (Bilingual)

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Josey's the first one so I'm
 going to reward her with something
 In
 actual fact God likes those that obey him more than people that try to please him on the
 surface through ceremonies

I'll give you guys another opportunity to look up another verse. There's another cross to give away for your mobile phones. John chapter 14 verse 15. If you love me you will keep my command. Everyone heard him. We'll give it to him later. If you love me you will obey what I command.

And then just open up your Bible to verse 21. It says: "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me." And also chapter 15, verse 10. Now if someone can just read this out, it will be greatly appreciated. Now these verses all tell us that one of the most important things to confess and repent is to obey God and obey his commands.

[11 : 25] Sin is to disobey God and not listen to his commands. Confessing our sins is to admit that we have disobeyed God in certain areas in our lives and repentance is to change our life from a disobedient one into an obedient one just like the Israelites when they submitted themselves to God and after confessing their sins. Obeying God is a simple direct there are many similar examples in the Bible.

Noah is a good example.

Genesis 6:22 Noah did not doubt God's words and he did not provide any excuses; he simply carried out God's instructions. In the end he received God's blessing because only him and his family were the only survivors of the flood.

There are also some negative examples from the Bible. Can anyone think of any individual that disobeyed God? Jonah. That our English congregation is going through the book of Jonah at the moment. Now God wanted Jonah to spread his word to the Gentiles. But Jonah had quite a different reaction. He ignored God's words and headed towards the opposite direction. Why did he want to run away? because it's almost impossible to get those people to confess and repent.

What if they don't like me and they try to kill me? And so what happened to the disobedient Jonah? And God made him leave inside the stomach of a great fish for three days and three nights. And after his horrible experience he still had to do what God told him to do in the first place. Therefore it can be seen that whether you choose to listen or not, God's command, God's will will be fulfilled. But when we're willing to obey God, God will be able to receive many of God's blessings.

[17 : 47] Obeying God is not limited to the individual level. In today's passage it says The governor of Judah and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehoshadak the high priest to the spirit of the whole remnant of people They will listen to God. So this should be something that should be embraced by the whole community. Especially leaders among you. Our church is currently going through a revival and the leaders are and it's really important for the leaders to confess their sins and repent in front of their congregation and if our cell group leaders and co-workers aren't willing to do this then how can our church be used by God so the first characteristic is to obey God and leaders have a greater responsibility than other people so the second characteristic outlined in verse 12 says and the people fear God to fear God is to obey God's words so when you obey God then at the same time you're fearing and revering God to fear and to obey God is not a motto but an action so therefore the Israelites confession and repentance it's not just a motto that they follow in verse 14 says so the Lord stirred up the spirit of Jerubbabel son of Sheatiel governor of Judah and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehoshaddak and the high priest and the spirit of the whole remnant of people and they came and began to work on the house of the Lord almighty their God in the past week have seen that

God has pointed out the sins of the Israelites because they only do what they're supposed to do they do not care about God's temple and like Jonah they found a lot of excuses so that they can avoid their responsibilities and now all of them they've repented and they've made God their number one priority they're no longer finding excuses for themselves they're actually putting everything into action which is to help build God's temple because they have seen the sinful ways and they know about God's judgment and therefore they start to revere God therefore from the Israelites we can see that another characteristic is to fear or revere God a lot of people today say that they love God very much but they're not afraid of God they do not fear

God's judgment and the result is that they do not confess the sins and they continue to live the sinful lives now if you have your Bibles with you then you can read the book of revelations and then you can see how scary God's punishment can be whether you like it or not all of us have to face the final judgment and only those who fear God are willing to confess and repent so let's think about our congregation if the leaders in our congregation are willing to be like the Israelites to confess their sins and repent and be able to once again stand up and do what they're supposed to do and if the congregation also stood up and work together with the leaders

God's work when the Holy Spirit is with us doesn't mean that we are no longer experiencing any difficulties but it just means we are simply not afraid of difficulties in the New Testament the disciple Paul is a good example when we read the book of Acts we can see how difficult it was for Paul to spread the gospel he was cast out in some areas and he was whipped in other areas and he was imprisoned in some other areas

Paul received rejection and persecution from people everywhere but what kind of power supported him to continue his gospel going to give away the last cross let's see who can find this verse first so who can tell me what type of power or what kind of power supported Paul which is in the book of Acts chapter 18 verses 9 to 10 where did Paul's power come from get across later

It says do not be afraid because I am with you. But it is when after he confessed and repented the Holy Spirit was with him. When people have responded to God God will give us the power to be able to fulfill his commands. And so when we're willing to confess and repent in front of God then our life will be full of power so that God can be with us always.

I haven't given you guys a lot of examples today but I hope that all of you will continue to talk about this topic in your cell groups to learn how we can apply the words of the gospel to our daily lives until that there's a revival in our church so that our church can be better used by God