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- 7) Take the _____ of obedience.
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- 3) God can use PAIN to soften hard hearts.
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- 5) Comparing myself with others can only lead to PRIDE
- 6) How to get back into God's will - SEEK and OBEY
- 7) Take the NEXT STEP of obedience.
- 8) We cannot receive God's STRENGTH until we've surrendered our own.

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then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

What do you think it looks like to apply each of these passages?

7) **Galatians 2:20** says, *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

How does your identity in Christ—your identity as a child of God—impact your day-to-day, moment-to-moment life? Does it give you joy? Why or why not?

TAKING IT HOME

8) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

What does the "next step" of obedience look like for you personally? What can you do this week to take that step?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of October 16, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1) In 1 Samuel 29, God used the Philistine princes to stop David from fighting a battle against his own people. Can you think of a time when God used special circumstances to prevent *you* from doing something foolish (or to redirect you in His plan)?

QUICK REVIEW

2) In your own words, what happened in 1 Samuel 29-30?

3) What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

4) David had aligned himself with unbelievers. What do you think it looks like to obey Paul's words below?

2 Corinthians 6:14 NLT - *"Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?"*

Does this passage mean we should avoid relationships with unbelievers? Why or why not?

Can you think of any examples of how Jesus or the apostles practiced this in the New Testament?

5) This week we talked about the dangers of comparison. What stands out to you from the following passage?

Luke 18:10-14 - "[10] *Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11] 'The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. [12] 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' [13] 'And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' [14] 'I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'"*

Is there anything you can relate to in this story? If so, what?

What are some ways Christians might be tempted to look down on other believers today?

Think about whom you most frequently compare yourself with (you don't need to share this part). What feelings result from this comparison? (insecurity, envy, anger, anxiety, guilt, self-doubt, or self-hatred? Pride, judgmentalism?)

What things in our world today might tempt us into the trap of comparison? What are some ways to fight this temptation?

What are some practical steps we can take to have a humble attitude towards others?

6) What stands out to you from the following passages?
1 Corinthians 4:3-5 - "[3] *But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. [4] For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. [5] Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.*"

Matthew 7:1-5 - "[1] *Judge not, that you be not judged. [2] 'For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. [3] 'And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? [4] 'Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? [5] 'Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and*