

TRUSTING GOD WHEN OBEDIENCE IS HARD

Sermon Questions

1. Who were the two kings that the Israelites conquered in Deuteronomy 3? _____
2. What tribe received the land of Bashan as their inheritance? _____
3. Where did giants like Og come from? (hint: Numbers 13:32–33) _____
4. List at least two temptations for the tribes on the east of Jordan to not obey God's hard command.

5. List the four reasons to aid in overcoming common temptations:
 - i. Learn from the _____
 - ii. Be part of a _____
 - iii. Love your _____
 - iv. _____
6. Fear is always a bad emotion. (Yes/No)
7. Give two reasons given to Joshua on why we should trust God:
 - i. God's past _____ show his faithfulness.
 - ii. God promises to be _____ his people always.
8. Moses never entered or even saw the promised land. (Yes/No)
9. All of God's blessings are fulfilled in this lifetime. (Yes/No)
10. It is hard, but noble, to build something now that we will never see finished. (Yes/No)
11. What is the greatest aid to obeying God when it is hard? _____

Discussion Questions

1. The tribes of Israel were reminded of the previous generation's faithlessness to avoid repeating their mistakes. Can you think of a personal or observed example of a past failure that has motivated you to obey God more faithfully? How can we actively use the lessons of previous generations to strengthen our resolve to follow God's commands?
2. We see the importance of being part of a "family or brotherhood" to overcome fear and temptation. How have you experienced or witnessed the strength of Christian community in facing difficult obedience to God? What practical steps can we take to foster greater loyalty and accountability within our church family?
3. The sermon underscores trusting God's past faithfulness and his promise to be with us. When have you struggled to trust God in a difficult situation? What specific examples from Scripture or your life can you cling to when God's commands feel daunting?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. The tribes had to leave their homes to fight for others because God asked them to. What's something hard God might want you to do, like telling the truth or being kind to sibling in a quarrel? How can trusting God give you courage to do what is right?
2. How does it make God happy when we help others in our family or church family?

