



discipleship LIFE NOTES



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Obligation or Devotion?
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Key Scripture

Hebrews 8: 10-12
Luke 22: 17-20
Matt 22:37
1 John 5: 1-5
Matthew 16:25

Hebrews 10: 15-17
Deut 6:5
John 21: 15-19
Romans 12:1
Galatians 2:20

Questions

1. How do we move from obligation to devotion in our walk with God? (ref verses: Hebrews 8: 10-12; Hebrews 10: 15-17; Luke 22: 17-20).
2. What does it mean in practice to love God? (ref verses: Deut 6:5; Matt 22:37; John 21: 15-19; 1 John 5: 1-5).
3. What are some apparent paradoxes about the Christian life mentioned in scripture (see the list below to get you started), how did Jesus and Christians like the Apostle Paul live out these paradoxes in practice? How can we do that? (e.g. to get you started have a think about these: “a living sacrifice” in Romans 12:1; “If you hold onto your life you will lose it, if you give it up for me you will find it” Matthew 16:25; Galatians 2:20; We see unseen things; We conquer by yielding; We find rest under a yoke; We reign by serving; We are made great by becoming small; We are exalted when we are humble; We become wise by being fools for Christ’s sake; We are made free by becoming bondservants; We gain strength when we are weak; We triumph through defeat; We find victory by glorying in our infirmities; We live by dying).
4. Are there areas in your Christian life that you struggle in? Reflecting on the answers given to the above questions, how can we experience break-through in the areas we struggle in?

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