

Yield



1. What did you learn from John 15-17 this past week?
2. What is biggest obstacle to yielding to (or obeying) God? Why? What is the biggest obstacle in your life?

Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT): "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." (Matthew 11:28-30, NLT)

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV)

Matthew 6:33 (CSB): "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you." (Matthew 6:33, CSB)

John 13:34-35 (NLT): "... I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13:34-35, NLT)

3. What is the main message you see in these verses? What is God saying to you?

Philippians 2:3-8 (NLT): Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. (Philippians 2:1-8, NLT)

Desire of Ages, page 668: All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses ... When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of

continual obedience. Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us. (*Desire of Ages*, page 668)

4. What is the hardest thing you see here in this passage? What about it gives you courage to push forward?

Assignment

Spend a bit of time this week looking at the stories of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ([Daniel 3](#)) and John the Baptist ([Matthew 11:1-19](#) and [14:1-12](#)). These are both stories of people who aligned their lives with God's plan. Remember to approach this prayerfully with an open heart ([Matthew 7:7-12](#) – keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking)!

- This week, read [Daniel 3](#), [Matthew 11:1-19](#), and [14:1-12](#) through several times.
- How are these story similar? How are they different?
- How do these stories illustrate the principles found in [Philippians 2:1-11](#)?
- What things bring you hope and encouragement in these stories?
- What are some things about these stories you find challenging?
- What do you think God is telling you?
- Where do you need to yield to Him in your life today?