

1 Samuel 15
The Danger of Disobedience



Main Point: Because of our tendency to treat God's commands lightly, we must beware of the danger of disobedience & respond in true obedience, so that we would remain faithful to Christ.

I. The Grief of Disobedience (v. 1-11)

II. The Rejection of Partial Obedience (v. 12-23)

III. The Result of Unrepentant Disobedience (v. 24-35)

IV. The Call to True Obedience

April 7, 2024

Liz Eberspacher

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship
*Song of Praise
God is For Us
*Prayer of Praise
*Song of Praise
Praise to the Lord

Psalm 100:1-5

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness
*Song of Assurance
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Psalm 103:8-12

THE WORD OF GOD

Memory Work (3 & 4 yrs., 5K & 1st grade)
Children's Message
Children's Church (3-5-year-olds)
Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 15
Sermon "The Danger of Disobedience"

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RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response
*Affirmation of Faith
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

Be Thou My Vision
Heidelberg Q. 91

Hymn #378

Mary Holle

*Congregation standing if able

Prayer Guide

FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

“Saul did not listen to Yahweh’s voice; he did not obey Yahweh’s clear command. One does not call that an alternate religious understanding...or a quest for finding one’s identity. It is rebellion. It is arrogance. It is idolatry...To reject Yahweh’s Word is to reject Yahweh himself....” (Dale Ralph Davis, *1 Samuel*, 159).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. The Elder on call for April is Steve Rauwerdink (920-946-3896).

Praises and Thanksgivings

Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
For people to hear the gospel hope
A heart of submission to Christ
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
BJ Hilbelink – Pastoral Assistant
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health

Ward Meinen - prayers for healing as he recovers from ankle surgery
Norm DeRuyter – praise that the toe is healing well and prayers that his broken arm would heal well.
Donna Caljouw – is still very tired, but was put back on a small dosage of her oral medication for her cancer
Don Schreurs – is at Pine Haven Oostburg Campus, prayers as he has decided to discontinue treatment for his cancer
Rich & Linda Dykstra – prayers for ongoing health issues

Shut-ins

Wayne Navis
Neil Bruggink
Delores Droppers
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

Mission & Outreach

Compassion International
Food Pantry
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am
Sunday School – 10:30am
Lunch & Learn – 11:30am
Congregational Meeting – 4:00pm
Core – 6:00pm

Tuesday – 12:30pm Blood Bank
-8:15pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect
- 6:30pm Quest
- 6:30pm Prayer Group

Thursday – 6:00am Men's Bible Study
-9:30am Women's Bible Study
-4:30-6:00pm Food Pantry

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

April 19 Secret Church
April 21 Men's Breakfast
April 28 Youth Sunday

Ushers for April: Justin Obbink, Troy Rauwerdink, Jon DeRuyter

Nursery for April 7: Kris Sass, Zoe Eberspacher & Nolan Brill

Nursery for April 14: Isabelle Dolfen, Claire Dolfen & Grace Meinnert

Refreshments for April: Care Group #2 (Jane & Lynn)

Greeters April 7 - **Narthex:** Gary & Deb Meeusen
- **Great Room:** Ron & Shirley Meinen

Greeters April 14 – **Narthex:** Jamie & Abbie Meinen
- **Great Room:** Jim & Cory Meinen

Serving in the Military:

Jackson DeRuyter

*Pray for all our troops serving around the world

Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 33 families at the March Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, April 11th. **Right now, we are low on cereal, pasta sauce & vegetables.** Please check the expiration dates on your donations! If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

For Love INC in April, we will be collecting **Personal Care Kits:** toilet paper, lotion, combs, tissues, soap, deodorant, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, and tote bags. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

Seniors - The Care Connection will be hosting a Senior Luncheon here at Faith Church on Wednesday, May 1st at noon. We will start serving punch at 11:30am. The guest speaker will be Hubert Nett and he will be talking about the children's books that he has written. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center. Please feel free to bring a guest. The deadline for signing up is April 21st. If you are house bound and would like a meal delivered to you, we will gladly do that, after the presentation that afternoon. Just let Wendy know in the office.

Special Birthdays in April: Carolyn Bruggink turns 86 on April 13th
Bob DeRuyter turns 81 on April 17th
Mary Ann DeHaai turns 85 on April 22nd

Men's Breakfast: Join us for our next men's breakfast on **Sunday, April 21 at 7 am** to hear from a panel of men who will be discussing how we can use sports to glorify God without falling into the trap of idolizing them. Men and boys of all ages are welcome!

On Sunday, April 14th we will be taking a special offering for the Mission to the World PCA Compassion Fund. Through the years, Compassion funds have enabled the PCA to respond quickly to crises that touch our missionaries and their communities around the world. Urgent needs were met with medical and construction assistance, food, and shelter for displaced families and personal care and counseling for victims of natural disasters. And most recently with assistance to those impacted by devastating wildfires in Chile. If you would like to donate to this cause you can put your donation in a separate envelope labeled MTW and place it in the offering bag.

Our Sympathy goes out to Paula & Jeff Risseeuw and Alison & Nate Zimmermann and family on the passing of Paula's Mom, Marjorie Ramaker this past Monday, April 1st.

Our Sympathy also goes out to Sue and Craig Droppers, Kyle Droppers and Ben & Nicole Droppers family on the passing of Sue's Mom Phyllis Ledebor on Friday, March 29th.

Family Life at Faith

Mark your calendar! Secret Church 2024 is going to be hosted at Faith Reformed Church again! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 19 from 6 pm-midnight (or come/go as needed). More details to follow or check out the sign up by the mailboxes. **What is Secret Church?** It's a unique event that is streamed online to over 50,000 participants around the world! Encouraged by our persecuted brothers and sisters' example, we meet for over 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted church and for God's purposes among all the nations. This year is a verse-by-verse study of "Ruth" led by Pastor David Platt. Ruth has all the elements of a love story. Tragedy. Loss. Despair. Hope. Triumph. Loyalty. Romance. But it's more than just a love story. It's an epic story within a story. It's a story not just about Ruth, but about all of us and a world that's in need of redemption.

Congregational Meeting TODAY at 4:00pm in the Church Sanctuary. Over the past several months, the Lord has opened some doors about ways we can invest in future ministry in our church and beyond. As the Elders and Deacons have been planning and praying, we want to inform the whole congregation about what the Lord may be doing and invite everyone to pray with us. A nursery will be provided.

The women of Faith are invited to the 2nd Annual Confection Connection Baking Night! Join us for an evening of baking, recipe-sharing, and fellowship on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm in the great room. We're also looking for 4-5 women to showcase their favorite recipes during the event. If you have a signature treat that you'd love to share, please let Emily Tarter or Emily Van Allen know. We are looking forward to a sweet night of fellowship and growing in Christ together!

Our Sunday School students sponsor two children through Compassion International through their weekly offering for \$80 a month. Here are some recent letters.

Dear Sponsor,
Greetings and love to you. How are you and your family doing? Hope you are doing well. My family and I are doing well. Thank you so much for your letter.
Kartik Bunarjee 16 years old Bangladesh

Dear Friends,
Thank you very much for the decision you made to sponsor me. May you receive the blessing of the Almighty God. I have engaged myself in skill development such as leather works to learn shoe making.
Kindly pray for me that God would grant me the Holy Spirit of grace and mercy for my family and community as a whole.
I pray for you that the Almighty God will give you the grace and mercy to deliver you from all troubles that may come your way.
Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. Amen
Daniella Osei 10 years old Ghana

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - **Tonight, April 7th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

CONNECT (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, April 10th** students are invited to Connect with each other and God at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:30PM!** Worship begins at 6:20.

QUEST (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, April 10th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM.** Registration and games begin at 6:10.

Mulch for Missions - The HS youth group will deliver mulch by the bag on **Saturday, April 20th** from 9AM-3PM (and even spread it if desired)! You can place your order at the link or by the mailboxes; orders are due by **Thursday, April 18th.** Link: faithcedargrove.breezechms.com/form/mulch24

Camp Calvin - Youth currently in grades 3-8 are invited to Camp Calvin from **June 16-21!** Registration is open at www.campcalvin.com. Faith Reformed is offering half-off to children of members/adherents; to take advantage of the discount, select the "half payment" option when you register, and text Jon and let him know that you're signed up!

Memory Work Recitation Schedule:

3&4 Year Olds - John 3:16 (**April 7**)

5K - Galatians 5:22-23 (**April 7**)

1st Grade - Lord's Prayer (**April 7**)

2nd Grade - Books of the NT (April 21)

3rd Grade - Books of the OT (April 21)

4th Grade - Apostle's Creed (April 21)

5th Grade - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (April 28)

6th Grade - Psalm 23 (April 28)

7th Grade - Colossians 3:1-4 (May 5)

8th Grade - Colossians 3:12-17 (May 5)

9th/10th Grade - Heidelberg Q&A #1 (May 19)

11th/12th Grade - Ephesians 2:1-10 (May 19)

Love INC Brat Fry and Bake Sale- Mentinks Piggly Wiggly Oostburg - The annual Brat Fry and Bake Sale held by the Oostburg churches and Faith Reformed to benefit Love INC will take place on April 27. We are in need of bake sale items and a few people to work in the food trailer from 10am -12pm and from 12pm-3pm. Contact Jodi Danforth or look for the sign up sheet by the mail boxes. Baked goods can be dropped off that morning directly to the bake sale between 8:30 - 9:00 am. Thank you!