



Part 4: Following God When It's Difficult

Sometimes God's will is not what we envisioned. Sometimes following God's will is not easy. Jesus never promised us an easy life. So what do we do when following God is difficult? What do we do when things aren't going like we had hoped or thought they would go? This talk will draw out principles that will guide you along when the going gets tough.

Bottom Line: Faith in God is central to following him in every circumstance.

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe how you felt when you first moved away from home. Talk about the challenges you experienced during that time of transition.
2. Have you ever met someone who was choosing to trust God through difficult circumstances? What impressed you about that person?
3. **Read Genesis 12:1-4.** Abraham was giving up everything that he knew, everything that was familiar, because God promised to do amazing things through him. Can you imagine yourself having a faith like that? Why or why not?
4. How do you discern what God is leading you to do? What do you do when you realize that the path is going to be difficult?
5. **Read Joshua 1:9.** Describe a time when you were in a situation that you couldn't change or control? Did you try and take matters into your own hands or did you seek God's counsel? What was the outcome? How were you affected by that circumstance?
6. **Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18.** Is there something right now that God is leading you towards? How can you walk in obedience to what he's calling you to do?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?