

A Life Laid Down – Sermon Notes

Speaker: Promise Bradley

Location: The Roads Church

Main Scripture: John 12:24

I. Legacy of Obedience

- Story of Pastor Chad surrendering to God's call to rural ministry: "I'm King of the rural."
 - The impact of legacy obedience in Promise's life:
 - Blake's great-grandparents and grandparents as spiritual leaders.
 - Her own grandmother and mother as faith influencers.
 - Key Point: Your "yes" to Jesus creates ripple effects for generations.
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II. From Fruit to Seed

- John 12:24 – unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains alone.
 - Jesus was the seed who laid His life down.
 - Being fruit is not enough—we must become seed for the next generation.
 - Illustration: Seedless apples = end of a fruit line.
 - Key Quote: "You might have become fruit—but are you willing to become seed today?"
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III. False Gospels vs. the Real Gospel

- Warning against the rise of false gospels (comfort without obedience).
- Misinterpretation of Jesus' commands: "All I have to do is love my neighbor."

- True love for God is evidenced by keeping His commandments (John 14:15).
 - Highlight of the Sermon on the Mount's intensity and call to internal holiness.
 - Key Quote: "Humility is obedience."
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IV. Personal Testimony: A Life Set Free

- Promise shares her journey:
 - Addictions: drugs, pornography, approval, depression.
 - Encounters with truth that brought conviction and healing.
 - Transparent honesty about struggles and God's deliverance.
 - Emphasizes the importance of the fear of the Lord and conviction.
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V. Boldness in Truth and Obedience

- Acts 5: The apostles rejoice in suffering for the gospel.
 - Challenge to fear God more than man.
 - Examples from Promise's life of responding to God's voice with immediate obedience (e.g., deleting a phone game).
 - Key Quote: "Jesus, You already have my yes before You ask."
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VI. Living a Laid-Down Life

- Final call to radical obedience:
 - Forgiveness
 - Humility through obedience
 - Giving God your "yes" before understanding why

- Historical reference to Count Zinzendorf and the Moravian Movement: “This I have done for you—now what will you do for Me?”
 - A life laid down will produce a harvest for generations.
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VII. Closing Reflection

- Visual meditation: Jesus at the whipping post (behold the man).
- Invitation to respond with surrender.
- Final call to count the cost and live for what truly matters: the Kingdom of God.