



FAITHFUL

Series: USEFUL AND PLEASING TO GOD, Part 1 of 3
Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Isaiah 30:1-3, 15-21

Big Idea: God delights in Christ-followers who are faithful, available and teachable.

Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, **to be pleasing to Him.**
2 Corinthians 5:9 {NASV}

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. ²¹If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, **useful to the Master** and prepared to do any good work. 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Faithful
Available
Teachable

Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. Isaiah 1:4

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” Luke 6:46

“Woe to the obstinate children,” declares the LORD, “to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; ²who go down to Egypt **without consulting me**; who look for help to Pharaoh’s protection, to Egypt’s shade for refuge. Isaiah 30:1-2

“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do **not** look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the Lord.” Isaiah 31:1

1. WE STOP SEEKING GOD FOR GENERAL WISDOM.

2. WE STOP TRUSTING IN GOD FOR DELIVERANCE.

“This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.” Isaiah 30:15

“You said, ‘No, we will flee on horses.’ Therefore you will flee! You said, ‘We will ride off on swift horses.’” Isaiah 30:16a

“This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in **quietness and trust** is your strength.” Isaiah 30:15a

“Blessed are all who wait for him!” Isaiah 30:18b

Seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything** pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
2 Peter 1:3 {NASV}

“For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of *the* divine nature.” 2 Peter 1:4 {NASV}

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge; ⁶and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness; ⁷and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. ⁸For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you **neither useless nor unfruitful** in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 1:5-8 {NASV}

Every enabling grace God grants to you and me calls for a corresponding act of disciplined obedience.

3. WE STOP LISTENING TO GOD FOR SPECIFIC GUIDANCE.

“O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.²⁰ Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, ***your teachers will be hidden no more***; with your own eyes you will see them. Isaiah 30:19-20

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” Isaiah 30:21