

Text: 2 Samuel 5:17-25
Topic: Obedience. Dependence.
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Basic Instructions for the Challenges You Face

1. Get _____ (vv.17-19)

2. Follow _____ (vv.22-25)

3. Say _____ (vv.20-21)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church. For more information about groups at PCC that use these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion please call the church office at (949) 489-2600.

1. In life we see that "growing up" involves people learning to conduct their lives with increasing *independence*. In regard to many aspects of human development this is true and good. On the other hand, when it comes to our spiritual maturity, this is completely wrong! Growing up spiritually requires an increasing *dependence* on God, as David exemplifies for us in 2 Samuel 5:17-25. In what areas of your Christian life have you noticed trends of growing *independence* (relying on your own wisdom, acting out of habit, deciding on issues without prayer, etc.) instead of a growing *dependence* on God?



Describe a situation in which you responded with a sense of *independence* (just reacting as you felt the situation required) and learned the "hard way" that God wants us to *depend* on him for direction in our lives.

2. In what situations do you find yourself asking God to "bless *your* plans" instead of truly seeking "*his* plan" for the challenges you face?

What practical steps can you take to ensure the habit of regularly and sincerely consulting God about how he wants you to respond to the challenges of your life?

3. Describe a time in your life when you attempted to do the right thing, but you did it in the wrong way.

Explain how each of the following has been an avenue through which God has provided specific direction in your life as you have faced particular challenges.

- *The Bible*

- *Prayer*

- *The godly counsel of other Christians*

4. Spend a few moments right now thanking God for every victory you can think of that he has accomplished in your life due to the guidance and direction he provided in the face of personal challenges.