

#### **MESSAGE SUMMARY**

Pastor Ron speaks about making Godly decisions in difficult times, highlighting obedience, the power of forgiveness, taking responsibility, and the transformative power of small, consistent changes. He emphasizes that our choices have consequences, as illustrated in Galatians 6:7-9, which reminds us that we reap what we sow. Romans 12:17-21 calls us to respond to challenges with righteousness rather than retaliation, while Mark 5:1-9 demonstrates the power of transformation through Jesus. In difficult times, we are called to trust God, choose obedience, and remain steadfast in our faith, knowing that our perseverance leads to breakthrough and spiritual growth.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### **Obedience in Difficult Times**

Galatians 6:7-9 reminds us that we reap what we sow. How does this principle encourage us to remain faithful in hard seasons?

Have you ever faced a situation where choosing obedience to God was difficult? What was the outcome?

What are some practical ways we can develop a habit of making Godly

choices even when circumstances are challenging?

# The Power of Forgiveness

- 4. Romans 12:17-21 tells us not to repay evil with evil but to overcome evil with good. Why is forgiveness such a powerful response in difficult situations?
- 5. How can forgiveness impact not only the person forgiving but also the overall situation?
- 6. Share a time when choosing forgiveness led to a breakthrough or healing in your life or someone else's.

### **Taking Responsibility for Our Choices**

- 7. In Mark 5:1-9, we see the power of transformation when a man encounters Jesus. How does personal responsibility play a role in our spiritual growth?
- 8. What are some ways we can take responsibility for our actions while still trusting in God's grace and direction?
- 9. Why is it important to acknowledge both our mistakes and victories in our faith journey?

## The Power of Small, Consistent Changes

- 10. Often, spiritual growth doesn't happen overnight. What are some small but consistent choices we can make to strengthen our faith?
- 11. How can we encourage one another to stay committed to these small, daily acts of obedience?
- 12. Have you seen an example where small, faithful steps led to a significant breakthrough in someone's life?

#### **PRAYER & CHALLENGE**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for guiding us through difficult times and teaching us to trust in Your wisdom. Help us to remain obedient, even when the path is challenging. Give us the strength to forgive, take responsibility, and stay committed to the small changes that lead to transformation. May we always seek You first and trust in Your plans for our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Personal Challenge:**

Reflect on an area in your life where you struggle to make Godly choices. This week, commit to one small act of obedience that aligns with God's word, and trust Him with the results.

# **Group Challenge:**

As a group, commit to encouraging one another in obedience and faithfulness. Consider setting a time to pray together for strength in decision-making and accountability in making Godly choices.