

**Next Steps:** We often times find ourselves in conflict with the values of this world. Maybe this is why we easily resonate with the dilemma of Obadiah. He wanted to live his cushy life in the palace without risking his life for his faith.

Read 1 Kings 18:1-16. How is Obadiah's faith described? How did Obadiah demonstrate his faith? When push came to shove, what did Obadiah value above obedience?

Read John 17:13-19. This is part of the prayer Jesus prayed for his closest friends just before He was crucified. What does the phrase "not of this world" mean? Where has Jesus sent his followers? What kinds of conflicts can we expect when we are "sent into the world" yet we are told we are "not of this world?"

Read Joshua 1:6-9. Most of us desire to be prosperous and successful. However, we need to be careful not to define success by the standards of the world. What are some prerequisites to being prosperous and successful? Are these prerequisites evident in your life on a day-to-day basis?

Read Philippians 1:20-21. What does Paul say about life and death? How does having a Biblical view of death give us courage to live a life of obedience?

Read Matthew 6:19-24. Do you get the sense from reading 1 Kings 18 that Obadiah was conflicted about his best life... valuing treasures on earth more than treasures in heaven? What choice have you made between God and money? What choice does God want you to make?

**Next Week:** Next Sunday we will dig deeper into the confrontation Elijah had on Mount Carmel with 850 evil prophets as detailed in 1 Kings 18:16-46.