Diving Deeper into Discipleship

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On the Altar: A Lonely Voice

Sermon Reflection Questions:

- Do you feel like you've been wavering in some area of your life, between devotion to God and devotion to someone/something else? Are you giving undue attention to a received tradition or a practical need?
- Ask the Spirit to bring to mind someone you know who is struggling with emptiness, loneliness, or desperation. Pray for an opening to invite him/her to come near to God.
- Is there anything you've been "holding back" from God? Offer your whole self to Him today, and ask that your life would become a witness for the power and presence of Christ in the world.

Devotional Reading and Reflection

- **1 Kings 18:1-15** | In this passage, we see the prophet Obadiah and his relationship with King Ahab. How can we reconcile the differences in how Scripture describes the relationships between two faithful prophets (Obadiah and Elijah) and the same wicked king?
- **Luke 16:13** | Does this verse from the teaching of Jesus relate to the proclamations of Elijah and Joshua about our choices? Why or why not?
- **Psalm 81:8-11** | According to the wisdom of this Psalm, what might the consequences be if we ignore God's invitation to open our lives for Him to fill?

Self-Care Discipline

March Discipline: Submission | Neighbors (*Celebration of Discipline, p.122*)

- Submission and service function concurrently. Hence, much of the practical outflow of submission will come in the next month (service). There are, however, seven acts of submission that we should draw attention to. There will be one or two mentioned each week in the month of March.
- The fourth act of submission is to our neighbors and those we meet in the course of our daily lives. The life of simple goodness is lived before them. If they are in need, we help them. We perform small acts of kindness and ordinary neighborliness: sharing our food, baby-sitting their children, mowing their lawn, visiting over important and unimportant matters, sharing our tools. No task is too small, too trifling, for each one is an opportunity to live in submission.

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