

Week One

Day Four

What does the word command mean to you? If I command you to do something, what does that say to you about how serious I am about what I am asking you to do? Is it optional? If I'm commanding you to do something, am I making a suggestion? Giving you a choice?

We know better. We know that a command is serious. A command is given with the expectation that it will be followed. Period.

Read Ephesians 5:6-14. This passage is a BIG challenge for us. It's about what taking faith and obedience seriously do for the Kingdom. Through Paul's words, God calls us to live as "children of light." And He gives us three commands that help define what it means to be a child of light:

- He commands us not to "partner" with darkness.
- He commands us to walk as children of the light, striving to know and do what God has for us.
- He commands us to expose the darkness.

So the question for you is, are you taking God's commands seriously? Are you making sure that your life isn't partnered with those who do not care to follow God? Are you striving every day to live as a child of God? Are you committed to exposing sin and darkness where you find it?

These are big questions. And how you answer them helps define the life you will live for God. Here's what you are to do for today. **See all that blank space on the next page? That's for you to write down your thoughts on how well you're pursuing these commands.** Think about what God expects from you, consider how strongly you're committed to it, and write down how this makes you feel. Write down what you need to do to get back on track with obeying God's commands. Write down a prayer to God, asking Him to give you strength to make it happen. How you use the space is up to you. But make sure you spend time giving God's commands some thought.

