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Passage: 1 John 5:1-12

Meditation Passage – 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Introduction: When have you felt no one was listening to you?

What is not crushing?

- Explain Christianity as a relationship vs rule keeping.
- Why does bearing the burden of rule keeping appeal to us? How is it easier than relationship?
- What commands are burden to you?
- When God commands, he is commending his person and work as a gift of grace to us. What is your favorite part of God's personality or character trait that you love or desire most?
- How have you rejected God as your father by rejecting his commands or wishing He did not have rules to follow?
- What happens if you leave one of the Faith, Love, Obey elements out of your walk with Christ? Which do you leave out most often?

Loveless and Un-Listening

- Who in your life do you listen to least? Most? Why?
- Humility loves so Humilty listens. What steps could you take to become a better friend and listener?
- How or where would you go for training in the art of listening?
- What is the problem of listening?

The Power Of A Good Witness

- Why does it matter that we have God's testimony?
- Who is a sinner in your life that loves to sin and is only getting worse and worse but you are loving him/her more and more?
- What and whose words define you?
- How are you learning to define your life as God does?