

Get To • Living

Description

Psalm 105:39-45.

At the summer camp to which we take our youth group, they have taken a new approach to communicating the rules for their attractions. Instead of a list of rules, they have “Get to.” Participants get to take turns, wear a life jacket, and make room for the next person to go. If they don’t, joy will be cut short. Obligation is difficult. Do we have to? I’d like to emphasize that we get to.

The Psalm today is a celebration of how God remembers the people who feel scattered, forgotten, and lost. God remembers the promise to bring us home. We know even more in Christ that God brings His people out with rejoicing and His chosen ones with shouts of joy. Yet, this freedom comes with a surprising purpose—the obligation to obey God’s commands.

Obedience to God is inseparable from the joy of salvation. Our obligations as Christians can be difficult or taken for granted, so we might forget the joy in them. Instead of thinking we have to, consider that we also get to pray, we get to read Scripture, we get to go to church, to forgive, to serve, to listen, and to submit to loving God and others.

It is only because we are free that we get to live for Him, so go into your obedience with rejoicing!

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