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Psalm 1:1-6

Scripture proclaims God's great power and majesty while also revealing His deep mercy and love. He is worthy of wholehearted, passionate submission but doesn't often get it. Are you among the few who offer themselves to Him without reservation?

Complete obedience is a choice to follow God regardless of the consequences. This means that we obey the Lord even if our friends choose a different path or when suffering and embarrassment are guaranteed. Seeing His will done is more important than our own comfort or personal ambition. We commit the consequences to God and cling to His promises: He will never leave us (Deut. 31:6), and He makes good out of every situation (Rom. 8:28).

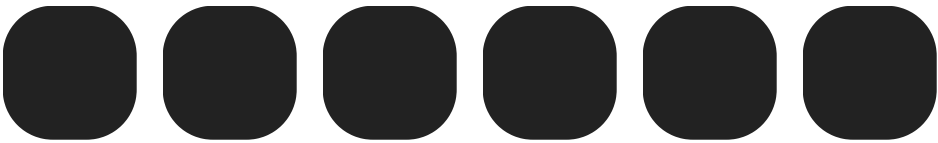
Notice the word *commitment* in the title of today's devotion. I'm not writing about obedience that is born of the moment (as in, *I choose to follow God in this instance*) but about total submission as a way of life. Setting restrictions on compliance is so tempting—we want to be able to change our mind when obeying upsets our lifestyle, the final result is unclear, or we're just plain scared. But let me ask you this one sobering question: If Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life, what right do you have to limit how and when you'll do His will?

Believers have no right to set their own limits; their one criterion for making decisions should be, *What does God want me to do?* The answer at times may cause suffering, but obedience is always right. And following God in all things is the surest path to favor and spiritual growth.

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