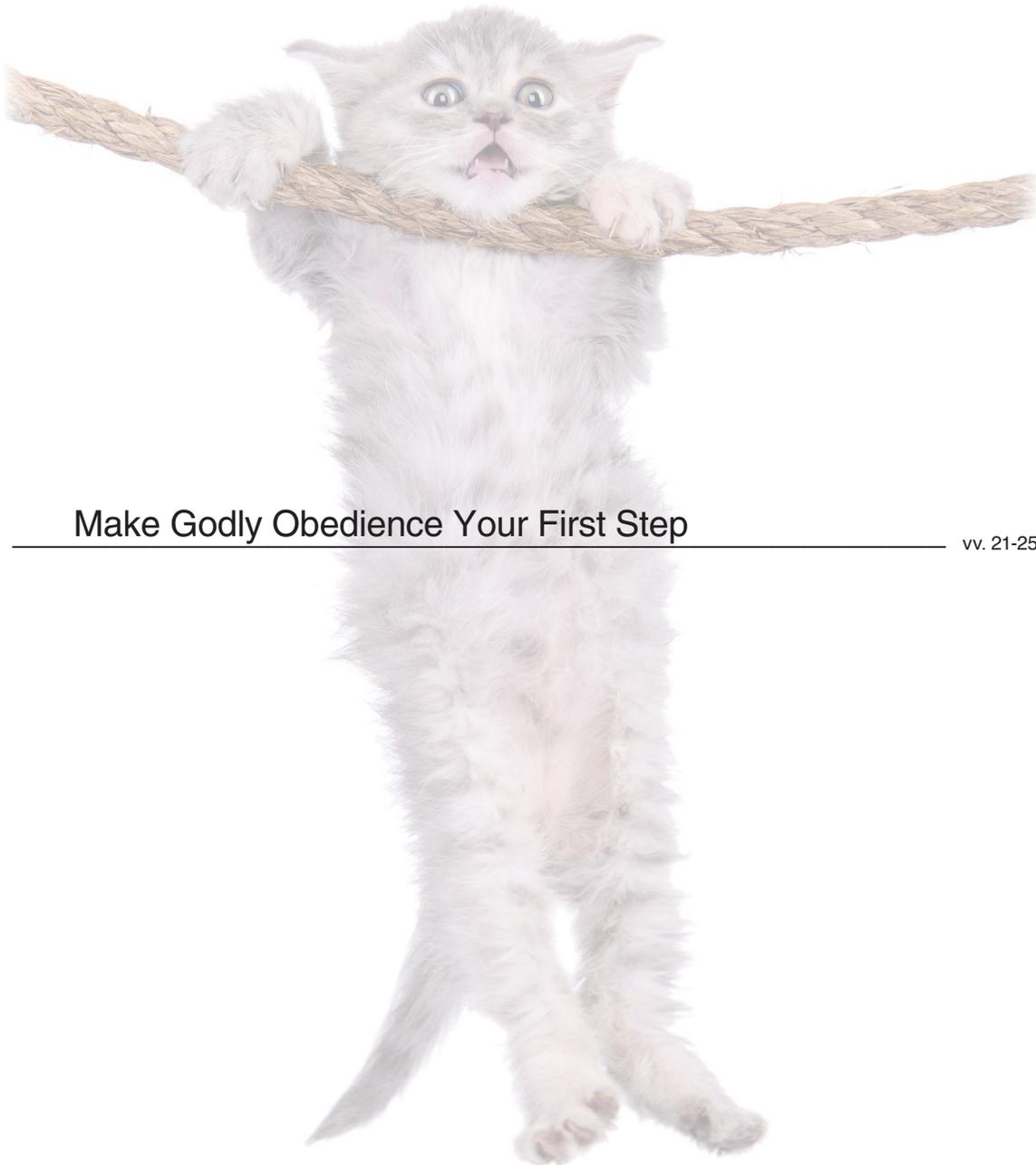


Crisis Management!

“ Christmas Stabilizers for Challenging Times ”

- 1.** Don't Run From "Hard" vv. 18-20



- 2.** Make Godly Obedience Your First Step vv. 21-25

Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON CHRISTMAS BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Matthew 1:18-19, Luke 3:23-24

- How would the pregnancy of Mary have been troubling to a young Jewish couple? (i.e., Mary and Joseph)
- In what way would this have been a crisis? Be specific. What was Joseph's response?
- How would Joseph's response have impacted Jesus' reputation? What does this highlight about a crisis?
- **Advent Reading: Luke 1:39-56**

TUESDAY // Read Matthew 1:18-20

- What specific emotion did the angel address in Joseph's response? Why would he have felt this emotion?
- In what way would the angel's counsel have been counterintuitive? Why is this important to understand?
- How does this Christmas truth help and encourage you during a current challenge you are facing?
- **Advent Reading: Luke 1:57-80**

WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 1:21-23, Isaiah 7:13-14

- How was the birth of Jesus a rescue mission? How does this help adjust your Christmas perspective?
- In what way would this perspective have helped Joseph during his crisis? Be specific.
- What does this imply about trusting your own perspective during a crisis? How does this help you?
- **Advent Reading: Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25**

THURSDAY // Read Matthew 1:24-25

- What did the angel tell Joseph to do? How was this different than his plans? What did Joseph do?
- What does this highlight about "next steps" when facing a crisis or challenging time?
- Describe a current challenge you are facing. What does God want you to do? What will you do?
- **Advent Reading: Luke 2:1-20**

FRIDAY // Merry Christmas

SATURDAY // Read Matthew 2

- How would the visitation of the Magi have been an encouragement to both Mary and Joseph?
- In what way was this immediately replaced by a crisis? Be specific.
- How does this post-Christmas truth provide prospective in the Christian's life? How does it help you?

MEDITATION VERSE: ²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. Matthew 1:24