

Sermon Notes

## "A Day's Journey from God"

1 Kings 19:1-9

1. Many of us **dream** of God **using** us for His **cause**.
2. Turning **dreams** into **reality** begins with an **intimate relationship** with God.
3. Our **power** comes from our **Godlikeness**. (Imago Dei)
4. Our **Godlikeness** leads us to **center** ourselves in **Him**.
5. **Maintaining** our Godlikeness comes by a **disciplined Christian** life.
6. Barriers to Godlikeness-
  - a. **Thinking** that we can't have **intimacy** with God
  - b. The **intensity** of our **schedules** and **lifestyles**.
  - c. **Failing** to learn about **God** and how to **serve** Him
  - d. **Laziness**
  - e. Our own concept of **success**.
7. Dimensions of Godlikeness
  - a. The **committed** and **submitted** life.
  - b. The **disciplined** life,
  - c. **Lifting** up Christ
  - d. **Finding** our place of **service**.

## Are we there yet?

Starting the journey is the greatest obstacle. (Immobility)

Continuing on our way (resistance)

Following the right path (Knowing the way, mapping the path)

Disillusionment (Thinking of the reward not the goal)

Failure to Prepare (Not taking the necessities to complete the journey)

It is very humbling to have someone say that you are "Christ like". It is a goal but we just do not feel like we have arrived yet.

Returning to point 5 we find that we have a maintenance plan?

5. **Maintaining** our Godlikeness comes by a **disciplined Christian** life.

What are some the important factors of a Disciplined Christian Life?

Why Discipline? Does that sound negative to you?

What part of Prayer, Scripture reading, Exhorting the brothers, or lifting up Jesus to others do you not like?

Living a Christ like life is "messy". You have to involve yourself with other people on a personal level. You have to actually be concerned for their welfare. You may even have to chip in and help in their life situation. (time, money, involvement, and real friendship). Who knows they might become a part of the family of God and you will be their spiritual brother "forever".

Christ's involvement with the disciples was not a cake walk. They had problems in following, fellowship with each other, and discerning the correct directions. If you are Christ Like do you not have problems or do you continue to stay in contact with the source.

Point 6 Are things that **I place** in my way

Point 7 Are things that **I can** put in place