**Simple does not mean Easy!**

Often, things are not as easy as they look at first.

Examples: Parenthood, driving, counseling

The truth is we’ve all found ourselves in situations that ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ impossible, but in many cases, your solution might actually be very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . That doesn’t mean it’s going to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  is SIMPLE, but NOT EASY!

1 Samuel 2:12-35 – Eli’s sons vs Samuel (with a prophecy)

Matthew 25:14-30 – The parable of the stewards and talents

Our problem: We often treat faithfulness to God like many treat faithfulness to a diet; or faithfulness to doctor’s orders; or faithfulness in marriage

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1 Timothy 1:12-16 – the core of the Gospel’s purpose

Our problem: We often fail to let the Gospel affect us personally which prevents us from impacting other’s with its passion, purpose, and hope

1. **OBEDIENCE** is SIMPLE, but NOT EASY!

“It’s not the swing, it’s the follow-through!”

Deut 6:4 – (the **SHEMA) “*Hear, O Israel…”***

James 1:22-25 – Do what you hear!

Our problem: “All we, like sheep…” Isaiah 53:3-7a

**Conclusion**: Ultimately what we accomplish by adhering to the “SIMPLE but NOT EASY” is that we display the very nature of Christ.

[1 Thes 5:24; 2 Thes 3:3; Rev 19:11]

Matthew 16:21-27

**Faithfulness** is required of all those who have

**The Gospel**, which changes them and others as they practice

**Obedience** to God from a heart of devotion.