

## 2026-02-08 Summary

This message confronts us with a challenging question that cuts to the heart of our faith: Does God really know what He's talking about? Using the parable of two sons from Matthew 21, we're invited to examine our own responses to God's commands. One son initially refuses but later repents and obeys; the other promises obedience but never follows through. The piercing question Jesus asks—which son actually did what the father wanted?—forces us to look beyond our words to our actions. We're reminded that tax collectors and prostitutes who genuinely repented entered God's kingdom ahead of religious leaders who merely talked about righteousness. This isn't about earning salvation through works, but about authentic transformation. When we truly surrender to Christ, our lives should reflect that change. The message challenges our tendency to create 'our truth' rather than submitting to God's truth, to adjust Scripture to fit our lifestyle rather than adjusting our lives to Scripture. The call is clear: God's restrictions aren't meant to confine us but to free us from the destructive patterns that enslave us. When we trust that our Creator actually knows what's best for His creation, obedience becomes not a burden but a pathway to the abundant life He promises.