

# Never Alone "Joyful Obedience"- Ben Foote

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**Bible References:** *Luke 17:7-10, John 15:9-15 and Exodus 33:15-17*

## Community:

1. Who is your best friend and what is it about them you like the most?
2. When you're hanging with your friends, what do you like doing with them? What benefit do you get from their friendship...and what benefit do they get from yours?

## Core:

1. How would you put it into words the way you hear from God or do you feel like God is being silent with you? How does that affect your relationship with Him?
2. When it comes to your relationship with God, what do you think He wants from you? Likewise, what is it that you are trying to get from God?
3. **Read Luke 17:7-10.** Ben talked about how he's struggled with only seeing God as his task master. Can you relate to that, not seeing God as your loving father? If so, what do you think contributes to that perception?
4. Ben said, "*Obligatory obedience results in an unfulfilled relationship with God.*" Do you ever feel like you have an unsatisfactory, unfulfilled relationship with God? What do you think causes that and how does it affect how you approach God?
5. **Read John 15:9-15.** What do you think about the idea that Jesus desires a friendship with you and how does this love and desire for friendship fit in with the reality that God wants our obedience, too?
6. Ask yourself, what do you want out of your relationship with Jesus? If you could pick one thing you want to change or that you want to add to your relationship with Him, what would it be? What do you think it would take in order for you to have what you desire?

## Challenge:

Ben encouraged everyone to read **Exodus 33:15-17** every day this week, so take time each day to read those three verses and simply spend some time reflecting on the fact that God knows your name and is pleased with you.

