

October 9 & 10, 2021

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Accomplice 2: The Code

I. Announcements & Prayer

- **This Weekend** – We will worship **outside @ 5pm Saturday** and **inside @ 9:20 and 11am Sunday**. You can also listen in your car by tuning your radio to 95.3 FM or watch the livestream on Facebook or thechurchnextdoor.org. **Bring a neighbor! Invite a friend!**
- **Radio Show** – The **Your Next Step** radio show continues **Mon-Fri at 10:30am and 6pm** on **The Word 880 AM and 104.5 FM**. The podcast is also available on our website yournextstepnow.com as well as all podcasting services.
- **TV Show** – The **Your Next Step** TV show is normally airing after Saturday Night Live, **Saturdays @ 1am** on **NBC4**. Set your DVR!
- **Accomplice** – We are starting a new series in October called **Accomplice**. What if we could see the spiritual realm more clearly? This series will help us do just that. Please plan on being there!

II. Ice Breaker Questions

1. Describe a time when you felt it was right to “break the rules”? Why did you feel this was the right thing to do?
2. What is your favorite “fruit” or produce of this season (i.e., apples, pumpkins, gourds, corn, soy beans)? What do you like about that fruit?

III. Bible Study

Read 1 John 3:7-8 (NASB)

7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God [Jesus] appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

1. What does the term *deceives* tell us about how our enemy operates? What is he trying to deceive us with? How do John's words here counter those attempts?

Read John 6:38 (NASB), John 14:10 (NIV), and John 12:45-47; 50 (NIV)

[Jesus is speaking] 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

[Jesus is speaking] 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

[Jesus is speaking] 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. 47 "If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world... 50...So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

2. What terms can describe the way Jesus responds to the will of God/obeyed God? What enabled Him to obey that way? What can help us obey in that same way?

Read **Acts 10:38** (NASB) and **Colossians 2:9** (NASB)

38 *You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

9 *For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form...*

3. What part does the anointing of the Holy Spirit and closeness to God play in overcoming deception and doing God's will? How can the Holy Spirit and God become bigger influencers in our lives?

Read **Acts 4:18** (NIV) and **Luke 6:44—47** (NIV)

[Peter and John Arrested] 18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

44 *Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. 45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. 46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"*

4. What kinds of trees were the religious leaders who commanded Peter and John not to preach Jesus? What kinds of trees were Peter and John? How can we become the trees God wants us to be?

Read **Genesis 31:1-3** (NIV) and **1 Kings 16:29-31** (NIV)

1 *Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father." 2 And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been. 3 Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."*

29 *In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. 30 Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him. 31 He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him.*

5. How do you describe Laban's, Ahab's, and Jezebel's attitude and behavior? Why do you think they thought and acted like this? What reaction do you have to their bad example?

Read **Acts 4:29-30** (NIV)

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

6. How does this prayer encourage obedience? How does it overcome deception? What would happen if we all began to pray this way for the church in our community?