**LEGALISM, LIBERALISM & LOVE**

**Message 4: BALANCING ON THE NARROW PATH OF LOVE, by Brian A. Norman**

**LIFE CHALLENGE:** ***HOW DO I AVOID BEING A LEGALISTIC PHARISEE OR A LIBERAL SADDUCEE AND BECOME A GOD-LOVER WHO BALANCES ON THE NARROW PATH OF LOVE?***

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GOD**.
	1. Pharisees and Sadducees both stared at God in the flesh square in the face but did not believe in Him. They tested Him, but did not trust him.
	2. Jesus said to doubting Thomas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are those who have not seen and yet have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Jn. 20:29)**. *God-lovers who balance on the narrow path of love* don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.” **(Dt. 6:16, Mk. 11:22-24)**
2. **BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-BASED**
	1. Pharisees major in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the majors. **(Mt. 23:23-24)**
	2. Sadducees are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ know the Scriptures or the power of God. (**Mk. 12:18-27)**
	3. Pharisees add to God’s Word and Sadducees subtract from God’s Word, but *God-lovers who balance on the narrow path of love* seek to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, know, and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** all of God’s Word
3. **BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **IN PERSISTENT PRAYER**
	1. Pharisees **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**-righteously pray and Sadducees **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** pray. **(Lk. 18:9-14)**
	2. *God-lovers who balance on the narrow path of love* boldly continue in prayer and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_until they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what they are requesting.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **BEFORE THE LORD**
	1. Pharisees trust in their own self-righteousness and Sadducees trust in their own skeptical reasoning. Both trust in themselves.
	2. *God-lovers who balance on the narrow path of love* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** through the silence, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** through the rejection, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** through the delay, and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** ‘YES’ to whatever God gives them. *God-lovers who balance on the narrow path* of love bow before the King of kings and receive what they ask for in His name!

What about you?