

Lesson 19:

*The High Cost Of
Being Pigheaded*

**May Life in the Word Series
'From Such Turn Away'**

Foundation Scripture

II Timothy 3:1-5



11 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



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THREE LESSON QUESTIONS:

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1. What are you clinging on to?
 2. What is the high cost of holding on to stubbornness?
 3. How can God help you let go?
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STUBBORNNESS is
"having or showing dogged
determination not to change
one's attitude or position on
something, especially in
spite of good arguments or
reasons to do so."



Deuteronomy 10:16

**Therefore, change your hearts
and stop being stubborn.**



1. *What are we
clinging on to?*



*a. Stubbornly
Clinging to Control*

Luke 9:23-25



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“Then He said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow Me.” If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake, you will save it.

And what do you benefit from if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?



Luke 9:23

Then He told them what they could expect for themselves: "Anyone who intends to come with Me must let Me lead. You're not in the driver's seat— I Am."



*b. Stubbornly
Clinging to Unbelief*

Mark 16:14



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Afterwards, Jesus appeared to his eleven disciples as they were eating. He scolded them because they were too stubborn to believe the ones who had seen him after he had been raised to life.



c. *Stubbornly Clinging
to Self-Reliance*

Isaiah 30:1



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The LORD said, "How terrible it will be for these stubborn children. They make plans, but they don't ask Me to help them. They make agreements with other nations, without asking My Spirit. They are adding more and more sins to themselves."



*d. Stubbornly Clinging
to the Past*

Matthew 18:30



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But the one who had his debt forgiven stubbornly refused to forgive what was owed him. He had his fellow servant thrown into prison and demanded he remain there until he repaid the debt in full.



*e. Stubbornly Clinging
to Sin*

Hebrews 3:7-8



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It is just as the Holy Spirit says, "If you hear God's voice today, don't be stubborn! Don't rebel like those people who were tested in the desert."



2. What Is The High
Cost Of Holding On
To Stubbornness?



Isaiah 65:1-3

I let Myself be sought by those who did not ask for Me;
I let Myself be found by those who did not seek Me. I
said, 'Here am I, here am I,' To the nation [Israel]
which did not call on My Name. "I have spread out My
hands all day long to a rebellious and stubborn
people, Who walk in the way that is not good,
[following] after their own thoughts and intentions."



a. God Wants To Protect
Us, But Stubbornness
Punishes Us.



b. God Wants To Give Us
Family, But Stubbornness
Keeps Us Alone.



Psalm 68:6

God makes a home for the lonely; He leads the prisoners into prosperity, Only the stubborn and rebellious dwell in a parched land.



Five Ways Stubbornness
Affects Our Relationships
With People:



1. Stubborn people talk
more than they listen.

Proverbs 10:14



2. Stubborn people are
hard to influence.

Proverbs 12:15



3. *Stubborn people are
easily irritated.*

Proverbs 12:16



4. Stubborn people
create a heavy burden
for those around them.

Proverbs 27:3



5. Stubborn people make
dangerous decisions.

Proverbs 17:12



3. How Can God Help Me
Let Go?



Deuteronomy 30:6

You and your descendants are stubborn, but the LORD will make you willing to obey Him and love Him with all your heart and soul, and you will enjoy a long life.



Three Ways We Can Let
God Change Our
Stubbornness:



1. *Think Carefully
About What You Do.*

Proverbs 21:29-31



2. Pay Attention To
God's Word.

Jeremiah 23:29



Psalm 32:8-9

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control."



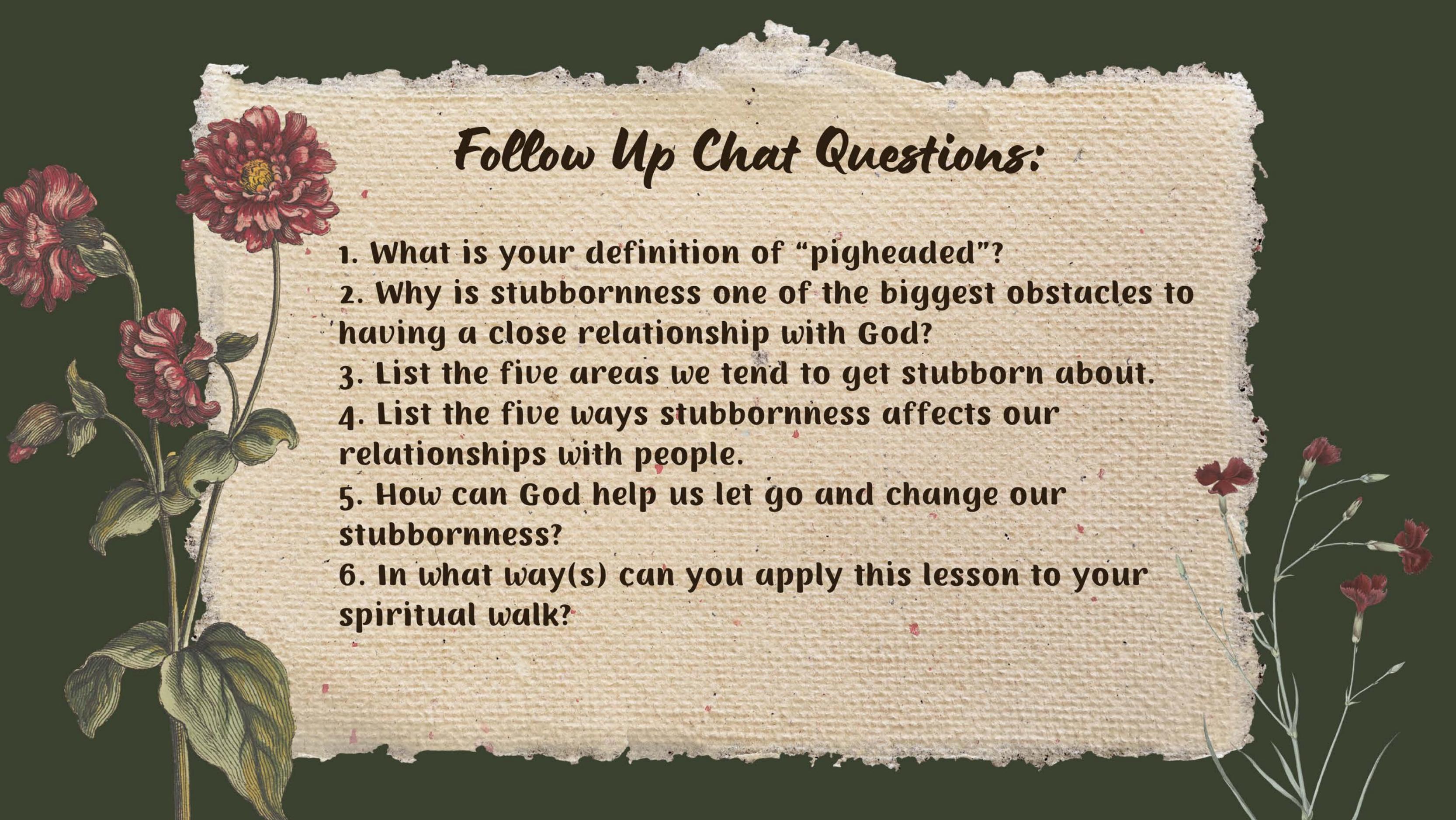
3. Pray For God's Help.

Ezekiel 36:26-27



"The greatest mistake any
Christian can make is to
substitute his own will for
the will of God."





Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. What is your definition of “pigheaded”?
2. Why is stubbornness one of the biggest obstacles to having a close relationship with God?
3. List the five areas we tend to get stubborn about.
4. List the five ways stubbornness affects our relationships with people.
5. How can God help us let go and change our stubbornness?
6. In what way(s) can you apply this lesson to your spiritual walk?