Family Talk – A Humbling Encounter

READ TOGETHER

Matthew 3:11–17

- 1. What stands out to you from these verses?
- 2. If Jesus asked you to do something you didn't feel qualified to do, how would you respond?

LIVE IT

The people had not heard from a prophet for over 400 years, so it was a big deal when John the Baptist got to the scene. His message, his authority, his baptism, and his obedience were what made John so great and strong in the faith. In verse 11, John recognized his position and considered himself "*not worthy even to be His slave*", but when Jesus arrived, He wanted John to baptize Him. How crazy is that?

Both John and Jesus were fully obedient. Jesus didn't sin. So He didn't need to be cleansed of sins through baptism. Yet He chose to be baptized for His Father (God) and as an example to us. John felt unqualified, but Jesus knew he was the man for the job. Do you ever feel like Jesus is pushing you in a direction? Are you being obedient to Him through serving, reading your Bible, giving your time and money, and through prayer?

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

Thank you for this day. I pray for obedience like John the Baptist. If you call us to something, help us be courageous and do it because You will equip us. Help us to be on the lookout for ways You want to use us this week. Amen.

