



A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

Welcome
to your home church!

A nighttime photograph of a cityscape, likely New York City, featuring several large, multi-story apartment buildings with many lit windows. In the background, a tall, illuminated tower (likely the Empire State Building) is visible against a dark, cloudy sky. The foreground shows a parking lot with some cars and lower-level buildings.

Serving God in Dark Places

1 Kings 18:1-16

I. God Often Plants His Servants in Dark Places.

A. Obadiah was Ahab's "Chief of Staff."

B. Obadiah was a devout believer in God.

C. Obadiah did make a difference.

II. Avoid Judging Other Christians Over Their Place of Service.

A. Tension between Elijah and Obadiah.

B. God uses different types of people for different callings.

“Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand” (Rom. 14:4).

III. Serving God in a Hard Place Forces Us to Make Hard Decisions.

A. “No one can serve two masters” (Matt. 6:24).

B. “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21).

