**TEACHING TO OBEY,
PERSONALLY AND IN COMMUNITY**

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**What Does the Bible Say About Obedience?**

1. **Adam’s Disobedience vs. Jesus’ Obedience**
2. What is the consequence of Adam’s disobedience? (Ge 2:16-17, 3:11, 3:23-24)
3. Who can have the right to the tree of life? (Rev 22:14, NKJV)
4. How does Christ’s obedience reverse the result of Adam’s disobedience? (Ro 5:19; Heb 5:8-9)

**Application:**

1. What shall you do with your disobedient life in the past and present?
2. How can we live a life of obedience in order to taste the full life on earth?

1a) Genesis 2:16-17 *“****16****And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;****17****but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’”*

* There was only one condition for Adam to eat the fruit of the tree of life; it is obedience to God.

Genesis 3:11 *“****11****And he said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?’”*

Genesis 3:23-24 *“****23****So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.****24****After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”*

1b) Revelation 22:14: ***“****Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.*

* Only those who obey His commandments can have the right to the tree of life.
* How then can those who are banished from Garden of Eden, Adam’s descendants, obey His commandments?

1c) Romans 5:19 “***19****For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.”*

Hebrews 5:8-9 “***8****though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.****9****And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”*

**2) The Place of Obedience in the Beginnings of the OT**

1. How did Noah become the new father of human race? (Ge 6:22; Heb 11:7)
2. How did Abraham become the father of many nations? (Heb 11:8; Ge 22:16-18) How did God’s blessing continue for Isaac? (Ge 26:3-5)
3. What did God tell the Israelites to do in order to make them his firstborn son? (Ex 19:5)
4. What did God do when Moses and his people obeyed Him? (Ex 40:16,34; Lev 9:23-24) What did God do when the Israelites disobeyed him in the wilderness? (Jos 5:6)
5. What were the conditions of God’s blessing and curse in the land of Canaan? (Deut 11:26-28)
6. What instruction did God give to Joshua, the leader after Moses? (Jos 1:6-9)

**Application**: What kind of leaders does God use to save his people?

2a) Genesis 6:22 *“****22****Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.”*

Hebrews 11:7 *“****7****By faith**Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.”*

2b) Genesis 22:16-18 *“****16****and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,****17****I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,”*

Hebrews 11:8***8****By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

Genesis 26:3-5 ***3****Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.****4****I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,* ***5****because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*

2c) Exodus 19:5 *“**Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;”*

2d) Exodus 40:6 *“****16****This Moses did; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so he did. (Moses built the Tabernacle in obedience.)”*

Exodus 40:34 “***34****Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.”*

Exodus 9:23-24 *“****23****And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.****24****And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.”*

Joshua 5:6 “***6****For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord; the Lord swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the Lord had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.”*

2e) Deuteronomy 11:26-28 “***26*** *‘See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:****27****the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today,****28****and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.”*

2f) Joshua 1:6-9 *“****6****Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.****7****Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law**that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.****8****This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.****9****Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’”*

**3) King Saul vs. King David**

1. What did God demand from King Saul through Prophet Samuel? (1Sa 10:8, 13:8-14) What kind of obedience did God want from him? (1Sa 15:3,8,9,13, 17-23) What was the consequence of his partial obedience? (1Sa 15:26)
2. What kind of king did God seek after? (1Sa 13:14) How was David’s heart revealed in obedience? (1Sa 17:45-47, 23:1-6, 30:7-8; 2Sa 5:17-20,22-25) What did David find about God? (Ps 40:6-8)

**Application**: What kind of leaders does God seek after?

3a) 1 Samuel 10:8 “***8****‘Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do.’”*

1 Samuel 13:7b-14 *“Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.****8****He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul’s men began to scatter. 9So he said, ‘Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.’ And Saul offered up the burnt offering.****10****Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.* ***11****‘What have you done?’ asked Samuel. Saul replied, ‘When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikmash,****12****I thought, “Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord’s favor.” So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering.’* ***13****’You have done a foolish thing,’ Samuel said. ‘You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. 14But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.’”*

1 Samuel 15:3-13 *“****3****Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.”’…* ***8****He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword.****9****But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+15&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7570b)*] and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed. …****13****When Samuel reached him, Saul said, ‘The Lord bless you! I have carried out the Lord’s instructions.’”*

1 Samuel 15:17-23, 26“***17****Samuel said, ‘Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel.****18****And he sent you on a mission, saying, “Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.”****19****Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?’”*

***20****‘But I did obey the Lord,’ Saul said. ‘I went on the mission the Lord assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king.****21****The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the Lord your God at Gilgal.’*

***22****But Samuel replied: ‘Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.****23****For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.’*

***26****But Samuel said to him, ‘I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel!’”*

3a) 1 Samuel 13:14 “***14****But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.’”*

1 Samuel 17:46-47 (David and Goliath) “***46****This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.****47****All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.’”*

1 Samuel 23:1-6 “*When David was told, ‘Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are looting the threshing floors,’****2****he inquired of the Lord, saying, ‘Shall I go and attack these Philistines?’ The Lord answered him, ‘Go, attack the Philistines and save Keilah.’* ***3****But David’s men said to him, ‘Here in Judah we are afraid. How much more, then, if we go to Keilah against the Philistine forces!’* ***4****Once again David inquired of the Lord, and the Lord answered him, ‘Go down to Keilah, for I am going to give the Philistines into your hand.’****5****So David and his men went to Keilah, fought the Philistines and carried off their livestock. He inflicted heavy losses on the Philistines and saved the people of Keilah. 6(Now Abiathar son of Ahimelek had brought the ephod down with him when he fled to David at Keilah.)”*

1 Samuel 30:7-8 *“****7****Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, ‘Bring me the ephod.’ Abiathar brought it to him,****8****and David inquired of the Lord****,*** *‘Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?’ ‘Pursue them,’ he answered. ‘You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue.’”*

2 Samuel 5:17-20, 22-25 *“****17****When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold.****18****Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;****19****so David inquired of the Lord, ‘Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?’ The Lord answered him, ‘Go, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands.’* ***20****So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, ‘As waters break out, the Lord has broken out against my enemies before me.’ So that place was called Baal Perazim.”*

***“22****Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;23so David inquired of the Lord, and he answered, ‘Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees.****24****As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the Lord has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army.’****25****So David did as the Lord commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.”*

*Psalms 40:6-8 “***6**Sacrifice and offering you did not desire — but *my ears you have opened*—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.
**7**Then I said, ‘*Here I am, I have come*— it is written about me in the scroll.
**8***I desire to do your will*, my God; your law is within my heart.’”

**4. Benefits of Obedience**

1. What did God promise when the Israelites would obey him? (Jer 7:22-23)
2. What was the key element in Jesus’ relationship with his Father God? (Heb 10:9, Jn 5:30, 10:18)
3. Who can enter the kingdom of God? (Mt 7:21) What is the spiritual character of true obedience? (Jn 14:15-16, 21,23) What is the ultimate gift when we obey Jesus in love?

**Application**: Write down every spiritual blessing that obedience opens the door to.

4a) Jeremiah 7:22-23 *“****22****For when I brought your ancestors out of Egypt and spoke to them, I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices,****23****but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.”*

4b) Hebrews 10:9 *“****9****Then he said, ‘Here I am, I have come to do your will.’ He sets aside the first to establish the second.”*

John 5:30 *“****30****By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”*

John 10:18 *“****18****No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.’”*

4c) Matthew 7:21 *“‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.’”*

John 14:15-16,21,23 *“****15****‘If you love me, keep my commands.****16****And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—*

***21****Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.’*

***23****Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”*

**5. Living Daily in His Commandments**

1. How can we live daily in Jesus’ love and presence? (Jn 15:10)
2. How can we live daily in and by the power of the Holy Spirit? (Ac 5:32, 29)
3. What is the mission for Jesus’ disciples? (Ro 1:5, 16:26, 15:18)

**Application**: Review how we can live daily in his commandments.

5a) John 15:10 *“****10****If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.*”

5b) Acts 5:32, 29 *“* ***32****We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’”*

*“****29****Peter and the other apostles replied: ‘We must obey God rather than human beings! (Courage by the help of the Holy Spirit)”*

5c) Romans 1:5 *“****5****Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1%3A5&version=NIV#fen-NIV-27936a)*] faith for his name’s sake.”*

Romans 16:26 *“****26****but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from[*[*f*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28363f)*] faith—”*

Romans 15:18 *“****18****I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done—”*

**6. Listening to and obeying the word**

1. Why is it important to not only listen to but also to obey the word? (Jas 1:22-25)
2. What does Peter say about obedience? (1Pe 1:2, 14-15) How can we purify our souls? (1Pe 1:22)
3. According to John, what is the certificate of Christian character? (1Jn 2:4, 3:18-19, 22)
4. How can we reveal our love for God and for people in this world? (1Jn 5:3)

6a)James 1:22-25 *“****22****Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.****23****Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror****24****and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.****25****But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”*

6b) 1 Peter 1:2, 14-15,22 *“****2****who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.*

***14****As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.****15****But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;****16****for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’*

***22****Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.”*

6c)1 John 2:4 *“* ***4****Whoever says, ‘I know him,’ but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.”*

1 John 3:18-19, 22 *“****18****Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.* ***19****This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:”*

*“****22****and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.”*

1 John 5:3 *“****3****In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,”*

**7) Review**

1. Review the place of obedience in Scripture, in the mind of God, and in the hearts of His servants.
2. Does obedience take that place in your heart and life? If not, what takes place in yours and what have been the consequences of it?
3. What is the starting point and the goal of our Christian lives?
4. Who can help us to live a life of obedience on earth successfully?

**Christ’s Obedience**

1. **The Two-Fold Connection**
2. How did Adam’s disobedience affect his physical descendants? (Ro 5:12,19a)
3. How is Jesus the Second/Last Adam? (Ro 5:14b, 1Co 15:44b-49) How can we be united with Him so that we live in and through Him? (Ro 4:23-25, 6:3-5)
4. What are the spiritual blessings for those in Christ? (Ro 5:1-3,11; Eph 1:3-10)

**Application**: Review the blessings of your faith in Jesus Christ.

8a) Romans 5:12, 19a *“****12****Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned”*

*“****19a****For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners,”*

8b) Romans 5:14b *“****14****Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.”*

1 Corinthians 15:44b-49 *“If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.****45****So it is written: ‘The first man Adam became a living being’; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.****46****The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.****47****The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.****48****As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.****49****And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.”*

Romans 4:23-25 *“****23****The words ‘it was credited to him’ were written not for him alone,****24****but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.****25****He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.”*

Romans 6:3-5 “***3****Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?****4****We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.* ***5****For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.”*

8c) Romans 5:1-3,11 *“1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,****2****through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.****3****Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;”*

*“****11****Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”*

Ephesians 1:3-10 *“****3****Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.****4****For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love* ***5****he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—****6****to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.****7****In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace****8****that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,****9****hemade known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,****10****to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.”*

1. **A Deeper Look**
2. What was the cause of Adam’s sin and disobedience? (Ge 3:4-5) What have his descendants inherited from him? (Ro 1:21-23) Describe the power and curse of the sin of disobedience. (Ro 1:24-32) Who are those outside Christ? (Eph 2:1-3)
3. How did Jesus show his heart and joy of living an obedient life to his Father? (Heb 10:9a, Jn 5:30, Jn 10:17-18, Jn 15:10b) How did Jesus show that we could enter into the presence and glory of God? (Jn 1:14,18, 5:19-20) How did he take away our disobedience and replace it with his obedience? (Ga 2:20)

**Application**: Do you truly believe that you are a new creation in Jesus (2Co 5:17) and you have his nature to love and obey God joyfully and thankfully?

9a) Genesis 3:4-5“***4****‘You will not certainly die,’ the serpent said to the woman.****5****‘For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

Romans 1:21-23 *“****21****For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.****22****Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools****23****and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.”*

Romans 1:24-32 “*24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. 26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. 28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”*

Ephesians 2:1-3 *“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,****2****in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.****3****All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.”*

9b) Hebrews 10:9a *“****9****Then he said, ‘Here I am, I have come to do your will.’ He sets aside the first to establish the second.”*

John 5:30 *“****30****By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”*

John 10:17-18*“****17****The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.****18****No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.’”*

John 15:10b *“****10****If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”*

John 1:14,18 *“****14****The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. …****18****No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.”*

John 5:19-20 *“****19****Jesus gave them this answer: ‘Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.****20****For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.”*

Galatians 2:20 “***20****I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

2 Corinthians 5:17*“****17****Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

1. **Three Purposes of Christ’s Obedience**
2. What was Jesus’ purpose in living a life of obedience? (Jn 13:12-17, Jn 13:34) What did Apostle Paul tell us to do in 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1? What example did Jesus leave for us to follow? (1Pe 2:21)
3. What was Jesus’ purpose in obeying God to the point of death? (Mk 10:45, Ro 4:25, 1Co 1:30)
4. What is the ultimate goal of Jesus’ obedience in our places? (Ro 5:17-18)

**Application**: Of what do Jesus’ three goals of obedience assure you?

10a) John 13:12-17 *“****12****When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ he asked them.****13*** *‘You call me “Teacher” and “Lord,” and rightly so, for that is what I am.****14****Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.****15****I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.****16****Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.****17****Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”*

John 13:34 *“****34****A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 “**31**So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. **32**Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— **33**even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. **11:1**Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

1 Peter 2:21 *“****21****To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.”*

10b) Mark 10:45 *“****45****For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”*

Romans 4:25 *“****25****He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.”*

1 Corinthians 1:30 *“30**It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”*

10c)Romans 5:17-18 *“****17****For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!* ***18****Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.”*

1. **Discussion in Romans 6**
2. How can we live a life of obedience like Christ? (Ro 6:5-10, Ga 2:20)
3. How can we present ourselves or offer the parts of our body to God as Christ did? (Ro 6:17)
4. What are the benefits of living a life of obedience in and through Christ? (Ro 6:19,21-23)

**Application**: Summarize the connection between the gospel and our life of obedience to God.

11a)Romans 6:5-10 *“****5****For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.****6****For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—****7****because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.* ***8****Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.****9****For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.****10****The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.”*

Galatians 2:20 “***20****I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

11b) Romans 6:17 *“****17****But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.”*

11c) Romans 6:19, 21-23 “***19****I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.*

***21****What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!* ***22****But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.****23****For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

1. **Obedience Alone**
2. What made Jesus the object of the Father’s love? (Jn 10:17-18)
3. What can make us objects of the love of God, of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the fellowship with the Holy Spirit? (Jn 14:15-27)

**Application**: How can we show our love for God and belief in God?

12a) John 10:17-18 *“****17****The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.****18****No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.’”*

12b) John 14:15-27 “**15**“If you love me, keep my commands. **16**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17**the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. **18**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19**Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20**On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.**21**Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.’ **22**Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, ‘But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?’ **23**Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24**Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. **25**All this I have spoken while still with you. **26**But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

1. **Principles of Christ’s Obedience**
2. Why did Jesus come into the world? (Jn 6:38, Heb 10:9) What relationship with Jesus will we have as we obey God’s will? (Mt 12:50)
3. What was source of Jesus’ joy and satisfaction? (Ps 40:8, Jn 4:34) What should be the source of our joy? (1Pe 4:13)
4. To what point did Jesus obey God the Father? (Php 2:8) What does God ask from us? (Rev 2:10)
5. What character enabled him to obey God the Father to the point of death? (Php 2:5-8) How can we humble ourselves before God in obedience?
6. On whom did Jesus depend in his obedience? (Jn 5:30, Jn 14:10) Who empowers us to obey God? (Ac 1:8)

**Application**: How can we obey God like Jesus?

13a) John 6:38 *“****38****For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.”*

Hebrews 10:9 *“****9****Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second.”*

13b) Psalm 40:8 *“I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.’”*

John 4:34 *“****34****‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”*

1 Peter 4:13 “***13****But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”*

13c)Philippians 1:8 *“****8****God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.”*

Revelation 2:10 *“****10****Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”*

13d)Philippians 2:5-8 *“***5**In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **6**Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
“**7**rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8**And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

13e)John 5:30*“****30****By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”*

John 14:10 “***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.”*

Acts 1:8 *“****8****But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”*

1. **God’s Power As the Source of Our Obedience**
2. What does God do in helping us to obey? (Deut 30:6, 8-9; Ezek 36:27) By knowing God’s work in our obedience, what should we do? (Ro 6:13, 12:1)
3. As we obey him by surrendering ourselves into his hands, what will God do for us? (Ro 8:29, 1Jn 3:1-2)

**Application**: Write down the relationship between God’s power and our obedience.

14a)Deuteronomy 30:6, 8-9 *“****6****The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.*

***8****You will again obey the Lord and follow all his commands I am giving you today.****9****Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors,”*

Ezekiel 36:27 *“****27****And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”*

Romans 6:13 *“****13****Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.”*

Romans 12:1*“****1*** *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”*

14b) Romans 8:29 “***29****For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”*

1 John 3:1-2 *“****1*** *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.****2****Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”*

**Christ’s School of Obedience**

The secret of Jesus’ true/full obedience is a close and unmistakable/continual personal relationship with God. The defective life, the life of broken and irregular fellowship with God, must be healed to make way for a full and healthy life.

1. **The Necessity of Obedience (Heb 5:8-9)**
2. What made Jesus perfect to be our Great High Priest and the author of our salvation? Why was it necessary for Jesus to learn obedience, especially from what he suffered?
3. Whom does Jesus save? What is the very essence of salvation?
4. In a world where disobedience reigns in death, who restores the disobedient into the obedient? How does Jesus teach us obedience that leads us to salvation?

**Application**: 1) Write a reflection on how Jesus has taught you obedience.

2) Do you acknowledge that you have been in Christ’s school of obedience?

Hebrews 5:8-9 *“****8****Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered****9****and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him”*

1. **The Teacher**
2. Memorize Hebrews 5:8-9. Why is Jesus qualified to teach us obedience? How did he show his example of obedience to God? (Jn 12:49-50, Jn 5:19-20,30; 8:16; 14:10) How was it possible for Jesus to obey God perfectly?
3. Find the Bible verses where Jesus spoke of his relationship with the Father as parallel to our relationship with Him. (Jn 15:9-10,15) Through the parallel what does Jesus teach us about how it is possible for us to live a life of full/perfect obedience?
4. From whom and how can we receive our orders and instructions from God? (Mt 11:28, Jer 7:23, Jn 15:5; 1Thess 5:17) Why is it important for us to constantly remain in God’s presence if we are to constantly obey his commands?

**Application**: Why do Christians find their life directions and lessons from godly people rather than directly from God and the Bible? Why is it dangerous? (1Co 2:5)

16a) John 12:49-50 “***49****For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken.****50****I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.’”*

John 5:19-20,30 “***19****Jesus gave them this answer: ’Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.****20****For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.*

***30****By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”*

John 8:16“***16****But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.”*

John 14:10“***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.”*

16b) John 15:9-10, 15*“****9****‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.****10****If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.*

*‘****15****I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”*

16c) Matthew 11:28 “***28****‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

Jeremiah 7:23*“****23****but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.”*

John 15:5 “***5****‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:17 *“****17****pray continually,”*

**Application:** 1 Corinthians 2:5*“****5****so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.”*

1. **The Textbook**
2. While he learned obedience, what textbook did Jesus use? (Mt 4:4,7,10) What was the frame of reference with which he opened his gospel preaching? (Lk 4:17-21) What was the light in which he accepted all suffering and even gave himself to death? (Lk 24:46)
3. How could Jesus know when each portion was to be taken up and carried out? (Isa 50:4-5)
4. While studying the Bible, how can we know about what God’s will, plan and path is for us? (Jn 14:26) How can we be transformed? (Heb 4:12; Ro 12:2) How can we be empowered to obey the word of God? (Ac 1:8a)

**Application**: In your Bible study and life of obedience, who is or should be your Bible teacher?

17a)Matthew 4:4,7,10 “***4****Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’*

***“7****Jesus answered him, ‘It is also written: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’*

***“10****Jesus said to him, ‘Away from me, Satan! For it is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”’”*

Luke 4:17-21 “***17****and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:* ***18****‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
‘He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind to set the oppressed free,* ***19****to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’****20****Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.****21****He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’”*

Luke 24:46 “***46****He told them, ‘This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day”*

17b) Isaiah 50:4-5 “***4*** *The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
“****5****The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.”*

17c) John 14:26*“****26****But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

Hebrews 4:12“***12****For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

Acts 1:8a *“****8****But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all J*udea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”

1. **The Student**
2. What should Jesus’ student know about Jesus? (Jn 13:1) What relationship should Jesus’ student have with Jesus? (Jn 14:15; 21:15,16,17a, 14:1, 11:25-26, 40)
3. What does Jesus, the Teacher, demand his disciples to do? (Mk 8:34-35; Jn 13:12-17)
4. What is Jesus’ promise to his student? (Jn 14:12-14)

**Application**: Describe how you have grown as Jesus’ student in his school of obedience.

18a)John 13:1 *“****1*** *It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”*

John 14:15 “***15****‘If you love me, keep my commands.”*

John 21:15, 16, 17a *“****15****When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’*

*“****16****Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ’Take care of my sheep.’*

*“****17****The third time he said to him, ’Simon son of John, do you love me?’”*

John 14:1 *“‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.”*

John 11:25-26, 40 “***25****Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;****26****and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’*

*“****40****Then Jesus said, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?’”*

18b) Mark 8:34-35 *“****34****Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.****35****For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”*

John 13:12-17 “***12****When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ’Do you understand what I have done for you?’ he asked them.****13****‘You call me “Teacher” and “Lord,” and rightly so, for that is what I am.****14****Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.****15****I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.****16****Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.****17****Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”*

18c) John 14:12-14 *“****12****Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.****13****And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.****14****You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”*

**Morning Prayer**

1. **Read the Bible**
2. To what do the Scriptures point us? (Jn 5:39) How does it happen? (Jn 14:26) What, then, should be our intention in reading the word of God? (Lk 6:46-48, 11:28)
3. What then should we ask from early in the morning while reading the Bible? (Lk 11:13) How can we live daily by the word of God not by our sinful desires? (Ga 5:16-17; Heb 3:7-8)
4. What desires should we have in reading the Bible? (Ps 119:105; Ro 12:1-2; Eph 2:8; Isa 55:8-11)

**Application**: When can reading the Scripture become actually a hindrance or head knowledge instead of leading us to Jesus?

19a) John 5:39*“****39****You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,”*

John 14:26 *“****26****But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

Luke 6:46-48 *“****46****‘Why do you call me, “Lord, Lord,” and do not do what I say?****47****As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.****48****They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.”*

Luke 11:28 “***28****He replied, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.’”*

19b) Luke 11:13 “***13****If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’”*

Galatians 5:16-17 *“****16****So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.****17****For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whateveryou want.”*

Hebrews 3:7-8 “***7****So, as the Holy Spirit says: ‘Today, if you hear his voice,* ***8****do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness,”*

19c) Psalms 119:105 *“****105****Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”*

Romans 12:1-2 *“****1*** *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.****2****Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Ephesians 2:8 “***8****For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God”*

Isaiah 55:8-11 “***8****‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord.
“****9****‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
“****10****As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
“****11****so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

1. **Communion with God**
2. What was Moses’ prayer like in Exodus 33:9-17? Why was God’s presence absolutely important to Moses? (33:14-15) How can we have the assurance that God is looking at you in love, listening to you, and working in you?
3. Why is our daily communion with God absolutely necessary for our daily obedience to Him? (Jn 5:19, 15:4-5; Php 4:13) When should our daily communion with God begin each day? (Ps 5:3)

**Application**: What does it look like to try to obey God’s will without communion with Him?

20a) Exodus 33:9-17 “***9****As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses.****10****Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent.****11****The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.* ***12****Moses said to the Lord, ‘You have been telling me, “Lead these people,” but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, “I know you by name and you have found favor with me.”****13****If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.’* ***14****The Lord replied, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’* ***15****Then Moses said to him, ‘If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.****16****How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?’* ***17****And the Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.’”*

20b) John 5:19 “***19****Jesus gave them this answer: ‘Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”*

John 15:4-5“***4****Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.* ***5****‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

Philippians 4:13 *“****13****I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”*

Psalm 5:3 “***3****In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”*

1. **Our Complete Surrender to God and Assurance in Prayer**
2. When and how can you renew your heart and mind in order to absolutely obey God’s will daily? (Ps 37:7a; Mk 1:35,38; Ro 12:1-2)
3. When and how should you pray for a daily holy walk? When and how can we renew his grace and strength each day?
4. As we surrender ourselves fully to God, what assurance and confidence does the Holy Spirit give to us? (Lk 3:21-22; Ro 8:15-17; Jn 14:12-14)

**Application**: What blessings does the time spent with the triune God in our absolute surrender in the morning bring to us?

21a) Psalms 37:7a “*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him”*

Mark 1:35,38 *“****35****Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

***38****Jesus replied, ‘Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.’”*

Romans 12:1-2 *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.****2****Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

21c) Luke 3:21-22*“****21****When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened****22****and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’”*

Romans 8:15-17 *“****15****The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.  And by him we cry, ‘Abba,Father.’****16****The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.****17****Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”*

John 14:12-14 *“****12****Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.****13****And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.****14****You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”*

1. **Consecrated intercession**
2. For whom did Jesus pray? (Jn 17) And what is Jesus doing? (Heb 7:25) As a royal priesthood for whom should we pray? (1Pe 2:9)
3. What makes our intercession for individual men and women possible? (2Co 5:20)
4. What can be the result of our intercessory prayer? (Jas 5:20) Find Apostle Paul’s examples of intercessory prayer. (Eph 1:17-23, 3:14-19; Php 1:9-11)

**Application**: Summarize the absolute necessity of prayer in your daily life of obedience to God.

22a) John 17

Hebrews 7:25 “***25****Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”*

1 Peter 2:9*“****9****But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

22b) 2 Corinthians 5:20*“****20****We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”*

22c) James 5:20 “***20****remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.”*

Ephesians 1:17-23 *“****17****I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.****18****I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,****19****and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength* ***20****he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,****21****far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.****22****And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,****23****which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”*

Ephesians 3:14-19 *“****14****For this reason I kneel before the Father,****15****from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.****16****I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,****17****so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,****18****may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,****19****and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

Philippians 1:9-11 *“****9****And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,****10****so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,****11****filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”*

**Entering the life of full obedience**

1. **Confession and Cleansing**
2. How does the power of sin hinder us from approaching God and obeying His law? (Ro 7:17-24) What does Apostle Paul find in Jesus? (Ro 7:25, 8:1) What should we do daily before we enter into communion with God? (Jer 3:12-14; 1Jn 1:9; Jas 5:16)
3. Why does our heart and conscience need to be cleansed daily? (Tit 1:15) Who can do it? (Heb 10:22, 9:14)
4. Now since the power of sin in us is broken and our heart and conscience is cleansed, what privileges do we daily have? (Ro 8:35a; Heb 4:16; Lk 1:74-75)

**Application**: Confess the very sin that has hindered you from obeying God fully.

23a) Romans 7:17-24 “***17****As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.****18****For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.****19****For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.****20****Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.* ***21****So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.****22****For in my inner being I delight in God’s law;****23****but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.****24****What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?”*

Romans 7:25, 8:1 “***25****Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.* ***8:1*** *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,”*

Jeremiah 3:12-14 “***12****Go, proclaim this message toward the north:*

*‘“Return, faithless Israel,” declares the Lord, “I will frown on you no longer,
for I am faithful,” declares the Lord, “I will not be angry forever.****13****Only acknowledge your guilt— you have rebelled against the Lord your God,
you have scattered your favors to foreign gods under every spreading tree, and have not obeyed me,”’ declares the Lord.* ***14****‘Return, faithless people,’ declares the Lord, ‘for I am your husband. I will choose you—one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion.”*

1 John 1:9 “***9****If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

James 5:16“***16****Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”*

23b)Titus 1:15 “***15****To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.”*

Hebrews 10:22“***22****let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”*

Hebrews 9:14 “***14****How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death,[*[*c*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30120c)*] so that we may serve the living God!”*

23c)Romans 8:35a“***35****Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”*

Hebrews 4:16 *“****16****Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

Luke 1:74-75 *“****74****to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear* ***75****in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.”*

1. **Self-Love**
2. What does the Bible say people without God (our old self) love? (2Ti 3:1-5; Col 3:5-9)
3. What shall we do daily with our old self (self-love)? (Ro 6:8-14; Ro 8:9-14) What are the common sins we need to put to death? (1Thess 4:13; 1Ti 6:10; 1Jn 2:16; Eph 5:3)
4. Now knowing that we were dead to sin (our old self), how can we put on the new self daily? (Col 3:9-10, Ga 2:20)

**Application**: How have you lived a life led by the Spirit, not by the flesh?

24a) 2 Timothy 3:1-5 *“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.****2****People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,****3****without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,****4****treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—****5****having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.”*

Colossians 3:5-9“***5****Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.****6****Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.****7****You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.****8****But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.****9****Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices”*

24b) Romans 6:8-14 “***8****Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.****9****For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.****10****The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.* ***11****In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.****12****Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.****13****Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.****14****For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”*

Romans 8:9-14*“****9****You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.****10****But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives lifebecause of righteousness.****11****And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of[*[*i*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+7-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28128i)*] his Spirit who lives in you.* ***12****Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.****13****For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.* ***14****For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:13*“****13****Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.”*

1 Timothy 6:10*“****10****For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”*

1 John 2:16“***16****For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.”*

Ephesians 5:3 “***3****But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.”*

24c)Colossians 3:9-10 *“****9****Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices****10****and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”*

Galatians 2:20 *“****20****I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

1. **Loving God and Others with All Our Beings**
2. What is your new identity in Christ? (2Co 5:17) How can we keep growing in our new identity? (Jn 15:5,10) How can we remain in his love? (Jn 15:12; Mt 22:36-40, Jn 13:34)
3. What does genuine and godly love look like? (1Co 13:4-8a)

**Application**: What does your life of love look like?

25a)2 Corinthians 5:17 “***17****Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:The old has gone, the new is here!”*

John 15:5, 10 *“****5****‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

*“****10****If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”*

John 15:12 “***12****My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”*

Matthew 22:36-40*“****36****‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’* ***37****Jesus replied: ‘“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”****38****This is the first and greatest commandment.****39****And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”****40****All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’”*

John 13:34 *“****34****‘A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*

25b)1 Corinthians 13:4- 8a “***4****Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.****5****It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.****6****Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.****7****It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.* ***8****Love never fails.”*

1. **Is It Possible to Live a Life of Full Obedience?**
2. How should we understand when we (born-again Christians) sin (disobey) involuntarily? (Ezek 36:26; Mt 26:41) How does God deal with our involuntary sins? (Ro 7:14-8:1)
3. Where can we find the deliverance and help from our sinful nature? (Ro 8:2-17) How can our heart and conscience be cleansed from the defilement caused by our involuntary sins? (Heb 10:22, 9:14)
4. What is your thought on “full obedience”? Does it mean to obey all the commands of the Bible in full perfection?
5. What does our Father in heaven say in this matter to those in the New Covenant relationship with Him? (Jer 31:33-34, 32:39-40; 1Jn 3:19-24)

**Application**: By knowing that the Holy Spirit gives us power to obey God’s commands which our will power can’t fully obey and that Jesus’ blood cleanses our heart from our involuntary sins, will you believe that you can live a life of full obedience and rejoice in doing his will? (Ps 40:8)

26a)Ezekiel 36:26 “***26****I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”*

Matthew 26:41 *“****41****‘Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.’”*

Romans 7:14-8:1 “***14****We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.****15****I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.****16****And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.****17****As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.****18****For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.****19****For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.****20****Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.* ***21****So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.****22****For in my inner being I delight in God’s law;****23****but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.****24****What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?****25****Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”*

26b)Romans 8:2-17 “***2****because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set youfree from the law of sin and death.****3****For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,****4****in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.* ***5****Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.****6****The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.****7****The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.****8****Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.* ***9****You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.****10****But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.****11****And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.* ***12****Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.****13****For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.* ***14****For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.****15****The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’****16****The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.****17****Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”*

Hebrews 10:22“***22****let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”*

Hebrews 9:14 “***14****How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”*

26d) Jeremiah 31:33-34 *“****33****‘This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,’ declares the Lord.
‘I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.****34****No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, “Know the Lord,”
because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,’
declares the Lord.
‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’”*

Jeremiah 32:39-40*“****39****I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them.****40****I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.”*

1 John 3:19-24 “***19****This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:****20****If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.****21****Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God****22****and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.****23****And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.****24****The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.”*

**Application:** Psalm 40:8 *“****8****I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.’”*

1. **Obedience by Having Jesus in Us; His Mind and Attitude**
2. Why was King David known as a man after God’s own heart? (Ac 13:22) How could Apostle Paul keep shepherding the Philippian Christians while in a prison? (Php 1:8)
3. While Apostle Paul was giving them several commands of the Lord Jesus (Php 2:1-4), what did he tell them to have? (Php 2:5-8) How can we have Jesus’ mind?
4. As we live a life of full obedience in Christ, what happens to us? (2Co 3:18)

**Application**: Reflect on how we can live a life of full obedience in Christ.

27a) Acts 13:22 *“****22****After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’”*

Philippians 1:8 *“****8****God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.”*

27b) Philippians 2:1-4 “***1*** *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,****2****then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.****3****Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,****4****not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”*

Philippians 2:5-8 “***5****In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:* ***6****Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;* ***7****rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.* ***8****And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”*

27c) 2 Corinthians 3:18 “***18****And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*

**The Obedience of Faith**

1. **Vision of Faith That Prepares Us to Obey (I See It)**
2. According to Heb 11:8, how could Abraham go out, even though he did not know where he was going? What is the Promised Land for us where God promises to meet and bless us, and which we will inherit? (Ezek 36:26-27)
3. In the Promised Land of obedience, how does God endeavor to cause and enable you to obey?
4. In order to obey God like Abraham, what shall we do? (Ro 4:20-21; Php 2:12-13)

**Application**: What enables us to see God’s land of Promise?

28a)Hebrews 11:8 “***8****By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.”*

Ezekiel 36:26-27 “***26****I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.****27****And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”*

*28c)* Romans 4:20-21 “***20****Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,****21****being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”*

Philippians 2:12-13 “***12****Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,****13****for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”*

1. **Faith’s Desire (I Desire It)**
2. According to Heb 11:15-16, what did Abraham long for? What should you thirst and hunger for? (Mt 5:6; Ps 42:1-2)
3. What precedes having faith in God? (Ps 73:25; Jn 6:35, 7:37; Rev 21:6) What is your desire that you give up? (Jn 4:13-14)
4. How can the desire for God be awakened? (Eph 1:17-19; Ro 8:15-17; Hab 3:17-19)

**Application**: How does your desire for God enable you to put your trust in Him?

29a) Hebrews 11:15-16 “***15****If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.****16****Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”*

Matthew 5:6“***6****Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

Psalm 42:1-2 “***1*** *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.****2****My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?”*

29b*)* Psalm 73:25 “***25****Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.”*

John 6:35 “***35****Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”*

John 7:37 *“****37****On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.****38****Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.’”*

Revelations 21:6 *“****6****He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.”*

John 4:13-14 *“****13****Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,****14****but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’”*

29c) Ephesians 1:17-19 “***17****I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.****18****I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,****19****and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength”*

Romans 8:15-17“***15****The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.  And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’****16****The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.****17****Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”*

Habakkuk 3:17-19*“****17****Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,****18****yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

***19****The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.”*

1. **Expectant Faith (I Expect It)**
2. How can your desire grow into expectation? (Heb 11:1) What do we expect from God by faith? (1Pe 1:3-6; Eph 1:3-10)
3. What hinders you from being sure that God’s blessings are for you and living a life of full obedience? (Jas 1:5-8; Eph 3:20)
4. How can you set your heart and hope on what God promised to you? (Sing “My hope is built on nothing less”; Ps 25:1-11)

**Application**: Share your joy when you are sure that every spiritual blessing in Christ is yours.

30a)Hebrews 11:1 “***1*** *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”*

1 Peter 1:3-6 *“****3****Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,****4****and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,****5****who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.****6****In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.”*

Ephesians 1:3-10 *“****3****Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.****4****For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love* ***5****he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—****6****to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.****7****In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace****8****that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,****9****hemade known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,****10****to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.”*

30b)James 1:5-8 “***5****If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.****6****But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.****7****That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.****8****Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”*

Ephesians 3:20 *“****20****Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,”*

30c)Psalm 25:1-11 “***1****In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.*

***2****I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.****3****No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.*

***4****Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.****5****Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.****6****Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.****7****Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.*

***8****Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.****9****He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.****10****All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.****11****For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.”*

1. **Accepting in Faith (I Accept It)**
2. How can your expectation grow into acceptance? (Mk 11:24; Jn 1:12, 3:16; Eph 1:7)
3. What hinders you from accepting the blessings of living a life of full obedience? (Mk 9:21-23; Jas 1:5-8; 1Jn 1:9; Isa 55:8-9)
4. How have God and his servants encouraged you to accept the blessings of living a life of full obedience? (Jn 14:21,23; 2Ti 3:10-11,15)

**Application**: Share your struggles in accepting God’s love, promises and blessings of living in obedience.

31a) Mark 11:24 “***24****Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*

John 1:12 *“****12****Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”*

John 3:16 “***16****For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

Ephesians 1:7 “***7****In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace*”

31b) Mark 9:21-23 “***21****Jesus asked the boy’s father, ‘How long has he been like this?’ ‘From childhood,’ he answered.****22****‘It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.’* ***23****‘“If you can”?’ said Jesus. ‘Everything is possible for one who believes.’”*

1 John 1:9 “***9****If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

Isaiah 55:8-9 “***8****‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord.
“****9****‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

31c)John 14:21,23 “***21****Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.’*

*“****23****Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”*

2 Timothy 3:10-11, 15 *“10You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.*

*“****15****and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”*

1. **Trusting Jesus Christ for Everything (I Trust Christ for It)**
2. As we have learned of the life of obedience, do you have any questions, difficulties, and fears arising for which you cannot find answers?
3. Where can we find the answers of all of these? (Jn 14:1,6,13; 2Co 1:20; Mt 28:20b; Mk 16:20) Who can help us to obey God’s commandments? (Ezek 36:26-28; Heb 7:24-25) As Jesus is the answer and the Holy Spirit helps us live a blessed life of obedience, what should we do? (Heb 12:2; Php 2:12-13)

**Application**: Summarize the relationship between faith and obedience.

32b) John 14:1,6,13 “***1****‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.*

*“****6****Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

*“****13****And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”*

2 Corinthians 1:20 *“****20****For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.”*

Matthew 28:20b “*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”*

Mark 16:20“***20****Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.”*

Ezekiel 36:26-28 “***26****I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.****27****And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.****28****Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.”*

Hebrews 7:24-25“***24****but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.****25****Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”*

Hebrews 12:2*“****2****fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

Philippians 2:12-13 “***12****Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,****13****for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”*

**More About Obedience**

1. **Learning to Know and Do God’s Will**
2. What should be prior before we seek to know God’s will? (Mt 5:8; Isa 55:8-9; Jn 5:30, 7:17a)
3. As we choose to obey God’s will, what should we do next? (Ps 119:33-35; Eph 1:9,16b-18)
4. As we know God’s will, what should we do first before we obey his will? (Ps 139:23-24,10)

**Application**: Review how your attitude has been in seeking and choosing and doing God’s will.

33a) Matthew 5:8 ***8****Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

Isaiah 55:8-9 ***8****“‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord.*

*“****9****‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

John 5:30 *“****30****By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”*

John 7:17a“***17****Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”*

33b) Psalm 119:33-35 “***33****Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.
“****34****Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.
“****35****Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.”*

Ephesians 1:9, 16b-18“***9****hemade known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,*

*“****16****I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.****17****I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.****18****I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people”*

33c)Psalm 139:23-24 “***23****Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
“****24****See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

Psalm 139:10*“****10****even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”*

1. **Obedience Even to Death**
2. Do you consider “obedience even to death” as a burden or a privilege?
3. When and how were Jesus’ final deliverance from sin, temptations, the world and his body, and his victory over their power completed? (Jn 19:30; Lk 23:46) What led Jesus to the fullness of His new life and glory?
4. How does the believer share with Jesus his deliverance and victory? (Ro 6:1-6; 7:4, 8:10; Ga 6:14) While he knows his spiritual new life and victory through Jesus, from whom can the believer receive help against self and self-will? (Ro 8:5-17) How did the Spirit help Apostle Paul? (2Co 4:10; Php 1:21)

**Application**: Based on Philippians 2:5-8, who is the example we are to follow in order to live a life of full obedience? How can we do so?

34b)John 19:30“***30****When he had received the drink, Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

Luke 23:46“***46****Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’  When he had said this, he breathed his last.”*

34c) Romans 6:1-6 “*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?* ***2****By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?****3****Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?****4****We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.* ***5****For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.****6****For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—****7****because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.”*

Romans 7:4 “***4****So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.”*

Romans 8:10 “***10****But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.”*

Galatians 6:14“***14****May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”*

Romans 8:5-17“***5****Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.****6****The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.****7****The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.****8****Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.c****9****You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.****10****But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.****11****And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.* ***12****Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.****13****For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.* ***14****For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.****15****The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’* ***16****The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.****17****Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”*

2 Corinthians 4:10 *“****10****We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”*

Philippians 1:21*“****21****For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”*

**Application:**Philippians 2:5-8 “***5****In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:* ***6****Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;****7****rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.****8****And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”*

1. **The Voice of Conscience**
2. When your conscience has conflicts with the cultural influence and educational knowledge that are accepted as right, what shall you do?
3. What does the blood of Christ Jesus do for believers’ consciences? (Heb 9:14) What is the relationship between believers’ consciences and the Holy Spirit? (Ro 9:1)
4. By knowing the work of the Holy Spirit in your conscience, how can you maintain a good conscience before God and live a life of full obedience? (1Co 10:27-31)

**Application**: Now what will you do with the voice of your conscience? Do you believe that when you obey your good conscience you obey God’s will?

35b)Hebrews 9:14 *“****14****How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”*

Romans 9:1“*I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit”*

35c) 1 Corinthians 10:27-31 “***27****If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience.****28****But if someone says to you, ‘This has been offered in sacrifice,’ then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience.****29****I am referring to the other person’s conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another’s conscience?****30****If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?* ***31****So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

1. **Obedience of the Law vs. Obedience of the Gospel**
2. As we have learned about obedience to God’s commands, what danger can Christians fall into? (Ro 6:14, 7:3,6, 8:15)
3. What does the law demand from us and promise us? (Deut 28:1,2,15; Ga 3:10-12) What motivates us to do our best in keeping the law? (Ex 20:2, 24:3,7,17) What are the limitations of the law? (Ro 8:3a) What is the purpose of the law? (Ro 5:20; Ga 3:23-25)
4. What does the gospel promise? (Jn 3:16; Eph 2:8-9) What does grace point us to and offer for us? (Ro 7:24, 8:1; Ac 2:38-39; Heb 10:15-17; Php 1:6,2:13; Heb 5:8-9)

**Application**: Is your life of obedience a legal one or evangelical one?

36a) Romans 6:14“***14****For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”*

Romans 7:3,6*“****3****So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.*

***6****But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.”*

Romans 8:15*“****15****The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’”*

36b) Deuteronomy 28:1,2,15*“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.****2****All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:*

*“****15****However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:”*

Galatians 3:10-12 “***10****For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.’****11****Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because ‘the righteous will live by faith.’****12****The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, ‘The person who does these things will live by them.’”*

Exodus 20:2“***2****‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”*

Exodus 24:3,7,17 *“****3****When Moses went and told the people all the Lord’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, ‘Everything the Lord has said we will do.’*

*“****7****Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, ‘We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.’*

*“****17****To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.”*

Romans 8:3a *“****3****For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,”*

Romans 5:20 “***20****The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more”*

Galatians 3:23-25 *“****23****Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.****24****So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.****25****Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.”*

36c) John 3:16 *“16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

Ephesians 2:8-9 *“****8****For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—****9****not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

Romans 7:24 “***24****What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?”*

Romans 8:1 *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”*

Acts 2:38-39 *“****38****Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.****39****The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.’”*

Hebrews 10:15-17 “***15****The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:****16*** *‘This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord.
I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.’* ***17****Then he adds: ‘Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.’”*

Philippians 1:6 “***6****being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 2:13 “***13****for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”*

Hebrews 5:8-9 *“****8****Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered****9****and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him”*

1. **The Obedience of Love**
2. Who is Jesus and what has he done, is doing and will do for you whom you are told to obey? Do you love Jesus? (2Co 5:14-15)
3. How did our Lord Jesus Christ that only our loving hearts enable us to obey and lead us to a fuller enjoyment of his divine love and blessing? (Jn 14:15-16,21,23)
4. In John 15, what did Jesus teach us as the way to enjoyment of His love? (Jn 15:5, 10-11,12-14) When we obey Jesus in response to his love (1Jn 4:10), what do we feel about his commandments? (1Jn 5:3)

**Application**: If you have obeyed Jesus’ commandments out of a sense of duty, renew his love until his love compels you to love Him back.

37a) 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 “***14****For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.****15****And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”*

37b)John 14:15-16, 21, 23 *“****15****‘If you love me, keep my commands.****16****And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever*

***21****Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.’*

***23****Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”*

37c) John 15:5, 10-11, 12-14 *“****5****‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

*“****10****If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.****11****I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

***“12****My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.****13****Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.****14****You are my friends if you do what I command.”*

1 John 4:10 *“****10****This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”*

1 John 5:3 *“****3****In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome”*

**Obeying His Final Command**

1. **Accepting His Command**
2. What is our Lord Jesus Christ’s final command and promise? (Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16; Jn 17:18; Ac 1:8) What does Jesus have in his mind in giving this Great Commission?
3. Why have many Christians disobeyed Jesus’ final command?
4. How could Jesus’ first disciples accept his final command so easily and so heartily? (Jn 6:67-69; Mk 8:29; Ac 1:2-5,8) How could Apostle Paul obey Jesus’ Great Commission with his whole heart and life? (Ac 9:15-16, 20:24; 1Ti 1:15-16; Php 1:21, 3:10-11)

**Application**: In order to help you accept Jesus’ Great Commission wholeheartedly as your one life purpose, what has He done for you and in you? Now accept the Great Commission with your whole heart.

38a)Matthew 28:18-20 *“****18****Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.****19****Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,****20****and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”*

Mark 16:15-16 “***15****He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.****16****Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*

John 17:18 “***18****As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”*

Acts 1:8 “***8****But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”*

38c) John 6:67-69 “***66****From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.* ***67****‘You do not want to leave too, do you?’ Jesus asked the Twelve.* ***68****Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.****69****We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.’”*

Mark 8:29 “***29****‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah.’”*

Acts 1:2-5, 8 “***2****until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.****3****After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.****4****On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.****5****For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26929b)*] the Holy Spirit.’*

*“****8****But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”*

Acts 9:15-16 “*1****5****But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.****16****I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.’”*

Acts 20:24 “***24****However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”*

1 Timothy 1:15-16 “***15****Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.****16****But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”*

Philippians 1:21 *“****21****For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”*

Philippians 3:10-11 *“****10****I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,****11****and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”*

1. **Place Yourself at the Disposal of Jesus Christ**
2. Read Matthew 28:19-20 again. Before you know what your work may be, and before you feel any special desire, call and ability, of what should you be aware? (20b) As Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd, is with you always, what should be your attitude toward Him?
3. As you place yourself at His disposal, are you willing to receive His guidance and training and let Him use you according to His will and pleasure?
4. At the disposal of whom should you put yourself? (Ac 1:8)

**Application**: How often do you believe and notice that you are making disciples in the presence of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit?

1. **Acting on Your Vow of Obedience**
2. Who should be our focus in making Jesus’ disciples? (Mt 28:18,20b; Col 3:23; Heb 4:16) What confidence do Christ’s power in heaven and Christ’s presence on earth give to you?
3. As you make Jesus’ disciples in his presence anywhere, how does your participation in making disciples enable you to grow in his image? (Php 1:8; 2Pe 3:18)
4. Where and when will you begin obeying Jesus’ Great Commission? (Ac 1:8)

**Application**: As you obey Jesus’ Great Command and Great Commission, recall and envision how we grow to be like Him.

40a) Matthew 28:18,20b“***18****Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. … 20bAnd surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”*

Colossians 3:23 “***23****Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,”*

Hebrews 4:16 “***16****Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

40b) Philippians 1:8“***8****God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.”*

2 Peter 3:18“***18****But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”*

40c) Acts 1:8*“****8****But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”*