

OBEDIENCE

John 14:15



WE NEED TO ALWAYS OBEY GOD AND NEVER QUIT

- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Striving for obedience everyday
- Run with endurance
- It's a marathon, not a 100 yard dash
- Jesus = "The Perfecter"



WHY SHOULD WE OBEY GOD?

- John 14:15
 - Because of our love for God
- 1 John 5:3
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- John 14:23-24
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- 1 John 3:18
- Rev. 22:14



WE SHOULD OBEY GOD IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON

- 2 Tim. 4:2
 - "...Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."



WE SHOULD NOT TRUST OUR FEELINGS IN DECIDING IF WE ARE GOING TO OBEY GOD

- Genesis 22:1-12
- How must Abraham have felt when God told him to offer his son, Isaac?
- Human wisdom is inferior to God's wisdom
- Isaiah 55:8-9



WE SHOULD OBEY GOD EVEN WHEN WE DO NOT FEEL LIKE IT PHYSICALLY

- Job 2:1-10
- V.3 - Could God say this about us?
- V. 10 - In all this Job did not curse God
- Just because we may feel terrible this doesn't justify our desire to please ourselves above God

JESUS ALWAYS OBEYED GOD EVEN WHEN HE DID NOT FEEL LIKE IT

- Christ, our ultimate example of obedience...an obedience even to death, even the death on the cross (Philippians 2:8)
- Matthew 26:36-46



HOW MUST JESUS HAVE FELT IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE?

- He was exceedingly sorrowful, even to death
- He was deeply distressed
- He fell on his face and prayed
- He went away again and prayed a second and third time. He used the same words.



HOW MUST JESUS HAVE FELT IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE?

- How did Jesus end each prayer?
 - “Your will be done”
- Jesus didn’t die on the cross because this was what He wanted; Jesus died because He wanted what His Father wanted
- THIS WAS THE WILL OF GOD.
- John 6:38



DO I CHOOSE TO OBEY?

- Do I obey God even when it's not convenient?
- Do I obey God regardless how I feel about His commands?
- Do I obey God when I don't feel like it physically?
- Do I want God's will to be done, not what I want?



DO I CHOOSE TO OBEY?

- Do I pray to God over and over again?
- Do I sacrifice myself to God and choose to DO HIS WILL?
- Romans 12:1



CONCLUSION

- What is there God can ask of us that we are not willing to obey?
- Psalm 119:10 - "With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!"

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- Acts 2:38 – “Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- Repent
- Be Baptized
- Verbs = show action
- We must ACT if we want to OBEY!
- Will you OBEY God today?