



Obey Like Jesus

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Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:6 NIV

“You do not stumble into obedience with God—you have to choose it.”

Greg Laurie

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15 NIV

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.”

John 14:23 NIV

“You are my friends if you do what I command.”

John 15:14 NIV

We know we love God’s children if we love God and obey his commandments. Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:2-3 NLT

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

Luke 6:46 NIV

Obeying Like Jesus is Never Accidental. It’s Always Intentional.

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1 John 5:3 NLT

Jesus is our calling. Everything else is just obedience.

Jesus Models Obedience for Us

“For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.”

John 6:38 NIV

“...I always do what pleases Him.”

John 8:29 NIV

Obeying Like Jesus Will Always Come with Opposition

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.”

John 15:18-20 NIV

From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. “Heaven forbid, Lord,” he said. “This will never happen to you!” Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

Matthew 16:21-23 NLT

Obeying Like Jesus is a Shared Responsibility and It Requires Faith in Jesus

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:32-40 NIV

Obedience Grows as We Obey Jesus

...He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Hebrews 5:9 NKJV

Small steps of obeying like Jesus lead to greater obedience.

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

Matthew 25:23 NIV

Building Trust Through Obedience

Biblical Examples

The Power of Our Yes to Jesus

The Joy of Obeying Like Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT

“Whenever, wherever, however You want me, I'll go. And I'll begin this very minute. Lord, as I stand up from this place, and as I take my first step forward, will You consider this is a step toward complete obedience to You? I'll call it my step of yes.”

Brother Andrew