



Obey Like Jesus

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Jesus Found Joy in Obedience

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Hebrew 12:1-3 NLT

We are Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses Who Have Obeyed Like Jesus

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Hebrews 12:1 NLT

We Must Set Aside Anything That Stands in the Way of Obeying Like Jesus

- Some areas of our disobedience can easily be avoided but we choose not to
- Some areas of disobedience are ensnaring and especially harmful
- All areas of disobedience to the Lord affect others around us
- Refusing to obey like Jesus is dangerous for our lives and our souls and the impact on eternity we were meant to have
- Let us run with endurance as we obey like Jesus

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Hebrews 12:1 NLT

Our Example is Always Jesus

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Hebrews 12:2 NLT

Jesus is our example and He is the champion, the author, and finisher of our faith.

Who for the joy awaiting Him...

- Jesus kept His tongue from speaking evil
- Jesus kept His course fixed on the mission of God
- Jesus kept His love for the Father, for all people
- Jesus kept His joy

And Now He Has Sat Down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God

What is the joy waiting for you on the other side of your obeying like Jesus?

If Jesus asks you a question, what will you answer?

The Questions Jesus Asks of Us

1. Who do you say I am? Matthew 16
2. Do you believe? Matthew 21
3. Why are you so afraid? Matthew 8:26
4. Why did you doubt? Matthew 14:29-31
5. Do you still not see or understand? Mark 8:17
6. What do the Scriptures say? Luke 10:23-28
7. Who Touched Me? Mark 5:30
8. Do you Love me? John 21:15-17

The Answers Jesus Gives

1. “Which is the greatest commandment?” (Matthew 22:36–37)

Obedience begins with love for God and love for people. You cannot separate obedience from loving God and loving others.

2. “How can a man be born when he is old?” (John 3:4–10)

Obedience requires spiritual transformation. You can't obey God fully with an unchanged heart.

3. “By what authority are you doing these things?” (Luke 20:1–8)

Obedience flows from recognizing God's authority. If He is not Lord, obedience becomes optional.

4. “Are you the King of the Jews?” (Mark 15:2)

Obedience is rooted in acknowledging Jesus as King. A king deserves full allegiance, not partial obedience.

5. “Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?” (Luke 12:41–43)

Obedience requires faithfulness in responsibility. What has God entrusted to you to do and obey?

6. “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 18:18–19)

Obedience demands surrender, not just morality. Following Jesus will cost you everything.

7. “Why do you speak in parables?” (Matthew 13:10–11)

Obedience is tied to hunger for truth. Those who hunger for Jesus find it easy to follow Him and obey His voice.

8. “What will be the sign of your coming?” (Matthew 24:3–4)

Obedience requires endurance, readiness, and perseverance to stay faithful until we see Jesus.