

C2:7 Personal Growth

Part 3 – Responding

Our response to God's love – our Obedience

KNOW IT!

- We obey because Jesus is our heart's **LORD**
Rom. 10:9-10
 - Jesus is the **Ruler** and therefore gets to set the **Rules** Col. 1:18
 - The bedrock question is 'Do we trust Jesus to be a **good** Ruler?'
 - ▶ Good **Rulers** create good **Rules** – that **benefit** their citizens
 - ▶ **Two Rulers** in this world – over every nation, people group, and person
 - **Temporary** ruler of earth – Satan
 - **Eternal** ruler of heaven and earth- Jesus
 - Conclusion: We have chosen the **Right** Ruler, so let's obey His **good** Rules!
- We obey because Jesus is our heart's **LOVE**
John 14:15, 23-24
 - Obedience is our **Response** to His Love and Salvation, not a means to **earn** it

LIVE IT!

- We obey because Jesus is our **LIFE** Psalm 1:1-6; 128:1
 - God's will for us? = Our **sanctification** 1 Thess. 4:7-8
Rule #1 – I'm going to make you more like Jesus! If you obey you'll be transformed!
 - God's will for us? = Our **witness** Phil. 2:14-15
Rule #2 - I'm going to use you to share Jesus! If you obey others will be transformed!

WRITE IT! Describe a time when obeying Jesus resulted in a blessing

SHARE IT! Text 'AGSHAREIT' to 97000

Life Group Questions - July 12th, 2020

John 14:22-23; 'Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.'

QUICK REVIEW

1. What's the difference between Jesus being Savior and being Lord? What are some common ways that we are averse to the Lordship of Christ?
2. Have you ever struggled with any truth of God's Word? What verse(s) or passages have you not completely reconciled yet? How can you gain victory and understanding in these areas?

MY STORY

1. It's one thing to ask someone how much it would cost for them do something out of the ordinary, like to wear a silly outfit in public or parachute out of an airplane. These things are morally neutral. But there are some things that shouldn't ever have a price – things like integrity, honesty, morality, our commitment to God (and to our family). Every Christian should periodically ask, "Do I have a price?" How much or what would it take for you to compromise your commitment(s)?
2. Has God ever directed you to do something that seemed impossible? What was it?
3. In what way do you believe that living a completely obedient life can cost you your career, friendships, and social status? In what areas are you using your hard work, sacrifice, or generosity to make up for being disobedient?

GOING DEEP

1. Read 1 Samuel 15, the account of King Saul's disobedience. Pay attention to Saul's different responses when confronted by Samuel. What can we infer about Saul's relationship with God?
2. Read James 1:21-23. When you go to church do you normally apply what you learn in the sermon? When you go to Bible study do you make real life changes? Discuss ways to open yourself up to be changed by what you are learning.
3. What are you doing today that is a reflection of your will and not God's will? What steps are you taking today to be Christ-like in your obedience? Who is helping you take these steps on a daily basis? Will you seek that help today?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?



KNOW IT

Obedience: A response of faith that emanates from total love of God resulting in an unhesitating commitment to live a holy life

Deuteronomy 5:33

You shall walk in all the way which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you will possess.

Psalms 128:1

How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways.

John 14:15

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

Philippians 2:14-16

Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

James 1:22

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

LIVE IT

Why is obedience to God important to my relationship with Him?

How are your relationships with others impacted by your obedience to God?

When you act according to your own will or desires, how does it impact your relationship with God and others?
