

Podcast Episode Notes

Season 1 Episode 8 “Obeying Jesus”

We don't like the word “obey.” It sounds hard, legalistic and even manipulative. But obeying Jesus shouldn't be difficult because of *who* we are putting our trust in. Obedience isn't really about following a list of do's and don'ts; it's about following what God has revealed to you to do or stop doing. It is the key to transformation. The Bible tells us Jesus learned obedience. Since He did, we can too. Stories of obedience in the Old Testament and New Testament show us that obedience brought transformation, both in the lives of the ones who obeyed and to the world around them.

Consider what would have happened if those called to obey did not obey?

- What if Noah simply went with his experience and didn't build the ark?
- What if Moses decided it was too embarrassing to go back to Egypt?
- What if Joshua chose to climb the walls instead of walking around them?
- What if Esther elected not to go before the King on behalf of the Jews?
- What if David hadn't obeyed his father to take food to the front lines?
- What if Zacchaeus didn't come down from the tree?
- What would have happened if the disciples hadn't waited for power from on high?
- What if the disciples had caved when brought before councils and kings?
- What if they didn't follow the Holy Spirit's lead in mobilizing for missions?
- What if they didn't obey the command of Jesus to make disciples?

The key to each story is obedience. Obedience is the engine of transformation.

There are consequences for obeying and disobeying – Deuteronomy 30:15-18

Jesus and Obedience

- 1) Obedience is all about who is really in charge of your will
 - Jesus learned obedience – Hebrews 5:7-9
 - Obeyed the Father – John 5:19
 - Jesus in Gethsemane – Matthew 26:39-42
- 2) Jesus asked us as His disciples to walk in obedience
 - House built on rock – Matthew 7:24-27
 - If you love me – John 14:15, 21, 23

Practical application: “Watch what God is doing and join Him in it” – Henry Blackaby

- Ask yourself “What is God up to? How is He advancing His cause and kingdom?”
- Practice listening daily to the voice of God – transformational

Realigning to Obedience

- 1) Always begin with repentance – Acts 3:19
- 2) Grow in the “fear of the Lord” – the opposite of the “fear of man” – Genesis 22:12, Proverbs 29:25
- 3) Obey the last thing He showed you to do – Jonah 3

Obeying what Jesus shows you to do leads us to become agents of transformation!

For more on this subject, check out Chapters 2 in *A Discipleship Journey*, Lionshare's primary tool for discipleship [here](#). Also, Chapter 3 of *The Jesus Blueprint* available [here](#).