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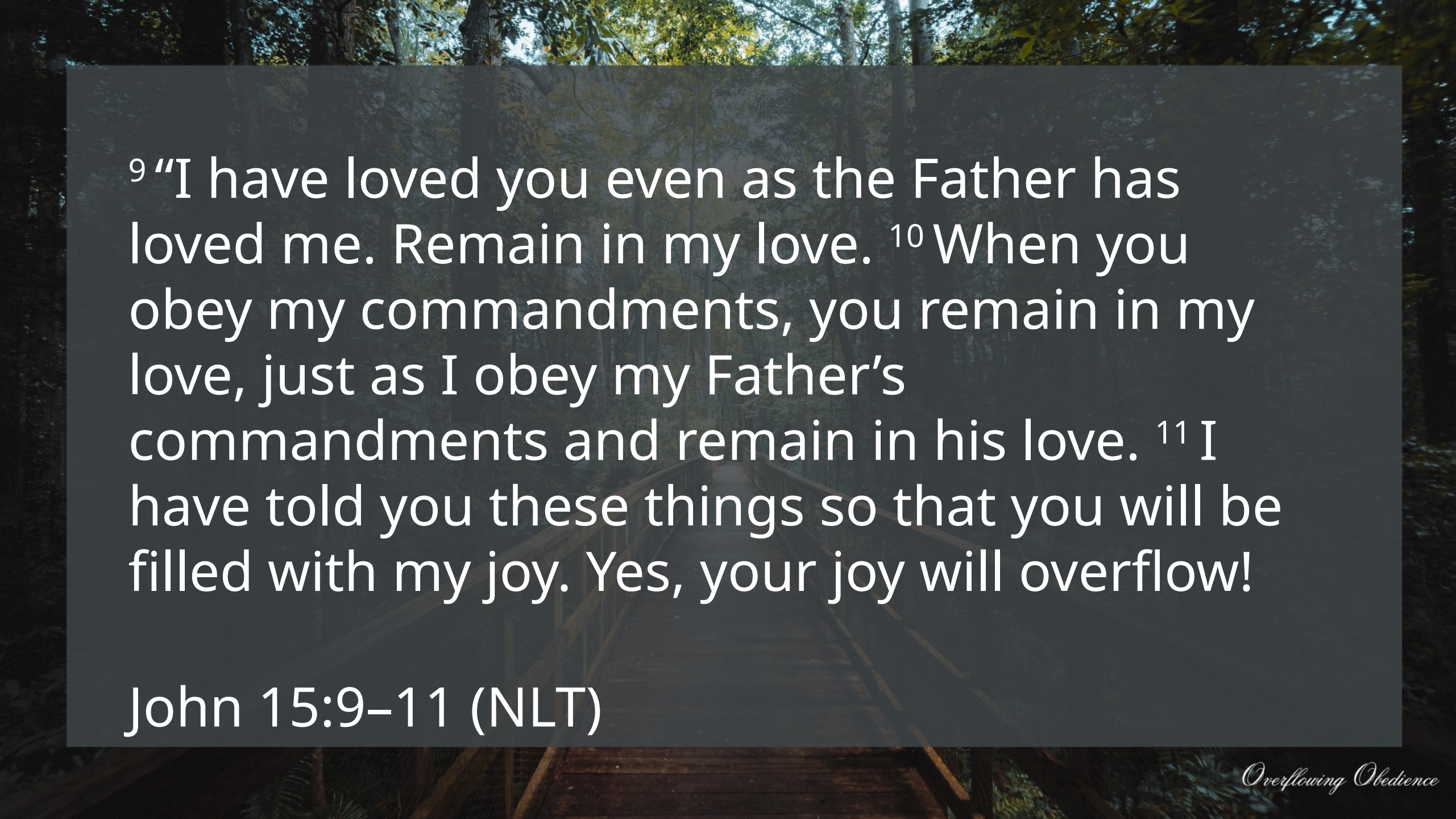
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11 May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—**the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ**...
Philippians 1:11 (NLT)

5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. **For apart from me you can do nothing**.

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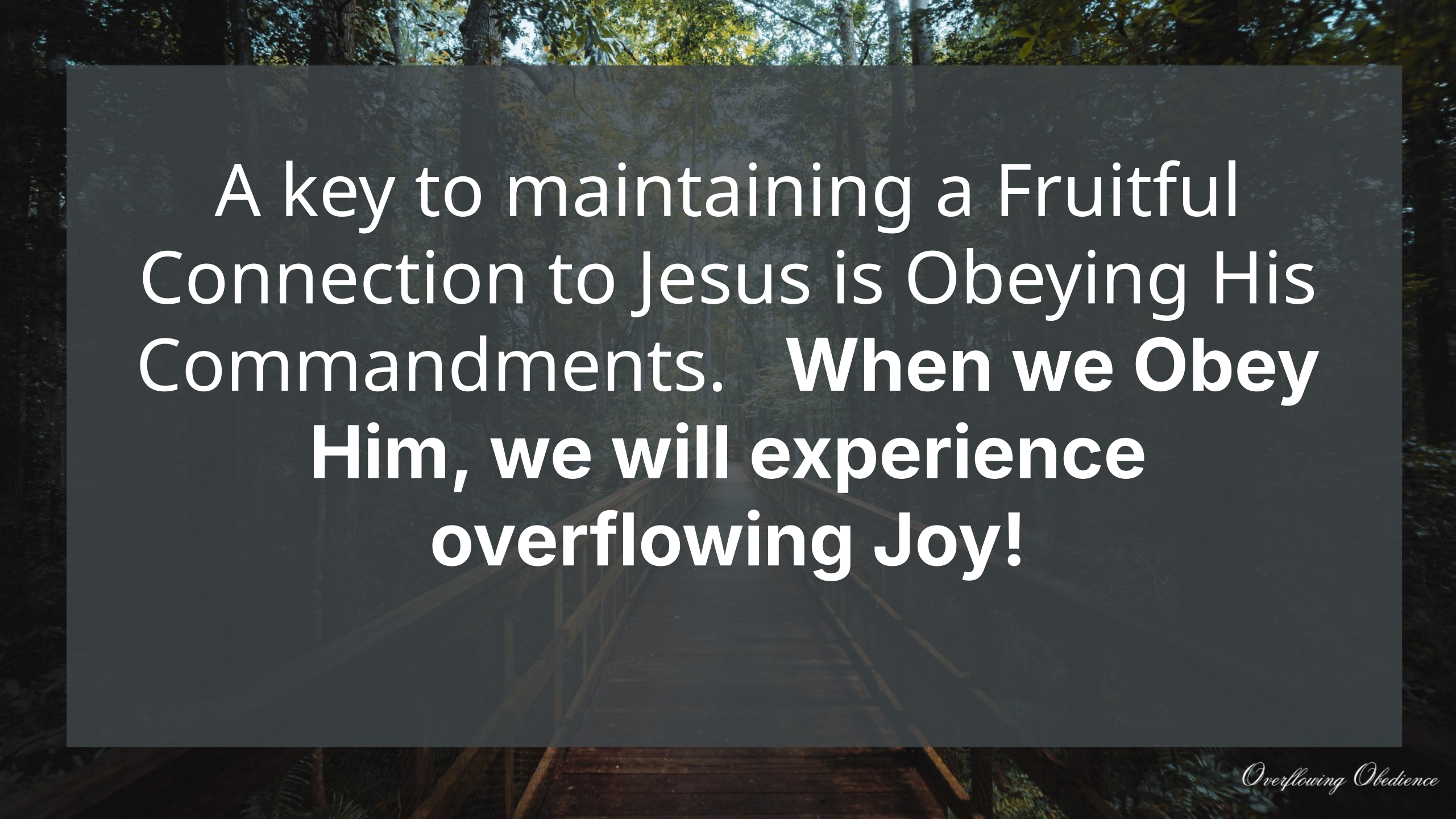

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A key to maintaining a Fruitful Connection to Jesus is Obeying His Commandments. **When we Obey Him, we will experience overflowing Joy!**
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2 The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down
to Egypt, but do as I tell you. 3 Live here as a foreigner in
this land, and I will be with you and bless you. I hereby
confirm that I will give all these lands to you and your
descendants, just as I solemnly promised Abraham,
your father. 4 I will cause your descendants to become
as numerous as the stars of the sky, and I will give them
all these lands. And through your descendants all the
nations of the earth will be blessed. 5 I will do this
because Abraham listened to me and obeyed all my
requirements, commands, decrees, and instructions.”
Genesis 26:2–5 (NLT)

Overflowing Obedience

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Genesis 26:5 (ESV)

Hebrew Term	Meaning	Nature
Mishmeret (מִשְׁמֶרֶת)	Charge, duty, responsibility	Responsibilities given for safekeeping and obedience
Mitzvot (מִצְוֹת)	Commandments	Binding moral and religious commands from God
Chukot (חֻקּוֹת)	Statutes, decrees	Unexplained divine decrees requiring obedience by faith
Torot (תּוֹרוֹת)	Laws, teachings	Instructional guidance for moral, civil, and religious life

Obey in Our God-Given Responsibilities
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Obey Because He Said So
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Obey His Daily Instructions
(Torot)

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True Obedience is Immediate Obedience

Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God
called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." 2 "Take your son, your only son—
yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go
and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I
will show you."

3 ***The next morning Abraham got up early***. He saddled his donkey and
took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he
chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place
God had told him about.

Genesis 22:1–3 (NLT)