

Sermon Title: Obey

Sermon Series: The Way

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-29

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The Gospel: Christ died for our sins, rose from the dead, and we must embrace it.

Follow

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1 John 5:2 ESV

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

Perspectives on Obedience

Acts 1:15 — 120 Christians

Acts 8:1 — Large suffering and growth begin

Christians believed Jesus and it changed how they lived. This resulted in...

AD 350 — 33 million Christians out of

1. We obey because it changes our world

Their following didn't change the world, their belief alone didn't win people to Jesus.

The world changed because they believed Jesus so much it changed the way they lived.

John 14:15 ESV

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

2. We obey because love _____ our behavior

When you are in love with someone, nothing is a sacrifice.

3. We obey because God says so, and what God says is what's _____ for us

We don't obey to earn a relationship with God, we obey because we have a relationship with God.

When God says don't, He's also saying don't hurt yourself, I want what's best for you.

Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

If I believe, am I willing to obey?

Matthew 7:24-29 ESV

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” 28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

WHAT IS SIMILAR AND DIFFERENT IN THESE PASSAGES?

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- Jesus says obey my words, you won't regret it, it gives your life a firm foundation.

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- The Christian life does not have a promise of ease. Obedience to God promises that you can withstand the storms of life. Are you orienting your life around practicing what Jesus says?

Matthew 7:26-27 ESV

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- It's easier to build on the sand, building on the rock is hard work. A life of ease and doing what you want sounds better, but what does Jesus call this man? A Foolish Man. At some point the storm comes

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- Both situations were identical. One person practices what Jesus says, the other does not.
- The determination for how your life turns out on earth is based on whether you obey or not. But when we face the ultimate storm of God's judgment, do we obey by believing

John 6:29 ESV

- ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you **believe** in him whom he has sent."
- We don't earn heaven with our obedience, we show the evidence of believing with our obedience. Our life is secure because we believe and it shows.

Why should we obey?

We love him and love always _____ our behavior

We Obey because God says so, and that's _____ for us

Obeying builds a foundation so we can _____ the storms of life

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the **founder** and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

- Jesus is the Founder, foundation of our faith. He empowers our growth in obedience. The Bible is against earning, not effort. As we obey, God empowers our effort through looking to Jesus. The enables us to not grow weary.

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The order matters. First Follow, then Believe, then in response to Jesus' love, Obey. Will you?