

LORDSHIP

A New Master

“So be sure of this, all you people of Israel. You nailed Jesus to the cross. But God has made him both Lord and Messiah.” **ACTS 2:36**

WORDS from the WORD

MESSIAH

Savior

LORD

Master; Ruler; Savior; Chief



Who's the boss? Who calls the shots? Who makes the decisions? Before, it might have been you. Now, it's Jesus. Jesus is your new master.

When we receive Jesus as the Savior of our lives, we are also making Him the Lord of our lives. It means that He brings us closer to God, and He is now the ruler of our lives. And we obey Him.

Have you ever received a pair of shoes and said, "I will only take the right shoe. I will throw the left shoe away." We do not do that because we need both shoes. In the same way, when we receive Jesus in our lives, we cannot just receive Him as our Savior; we need to receive Him as our Lord as well.

What does receiving Jesus as Lord mean?

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LORDSHIP & SALVATION

Jesus is 100% our Savior because He paid for all our sins. He is also 100% Lord.

It means that Jesus cannot be 99.9% Lord in our lives. We cannot say, "Jesus, you are the Lord in my life, but I will cheat a little in this test. I will not cheat in my other tests."

If Jesus is not 100% Lord, then He is not at all Lord in our lives. Making Jesus Lord is all or nothing.

When we say Jesus is Lord, we should obey Him in everything. That means EVERYTHING.

ROMANS 10:9 (ESV)

... because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Importance of "Lord"

In the Bible, Jesus was called "Lord" 99 times in the book of Acts and 616 times in the whole New Testament. He was called "Savior" only 2 times in Acts and 24 times in the New Testament.

	LORD	SAVIOR
ACTS	99	2
NEW TESTAMENT	616	24

LORDSHIP BEGINS IN THE HEART

Lordship is obeying the commands of Christ not because we have to, but because we want to. It is not about following a set of rules or a bunch of dos and don'ts. We go to church, we read our Bibles, and we help our classmates, not because we are forced to do so or because we want to make other people happy, but because we love God.

Even if you don't tell your friends the things that you love to do, they will know. Your actions will tell them. If you love to read books, going to the library to read will make you happy. If you love to play soccer, you will play the sport even if it makes you really tired or if you get hurt while playing. No one forces us to do the things we love to do. We do them because we love doing them. The same is true with Lordship. When you decide in your heart to follow Jesus, your actions will show that you obey Him because you love Him.

We have seen what God has done for us in saving us. God was willing to send His only Son to save us. Jesus sacrificed His life for us so that we may be forgiven and spend eternity with Him in heaven. What God desires is for our good. All God's commands are for our good. God does not just want us to go to heaven, He wants to save us from the harmful effects of sin while we live here on earth. As we understand the heart of God in His commands, obeying Him becomes a delight.

1 Peter 3:15

But make sure that in your hearts you honor Christ as Lord.

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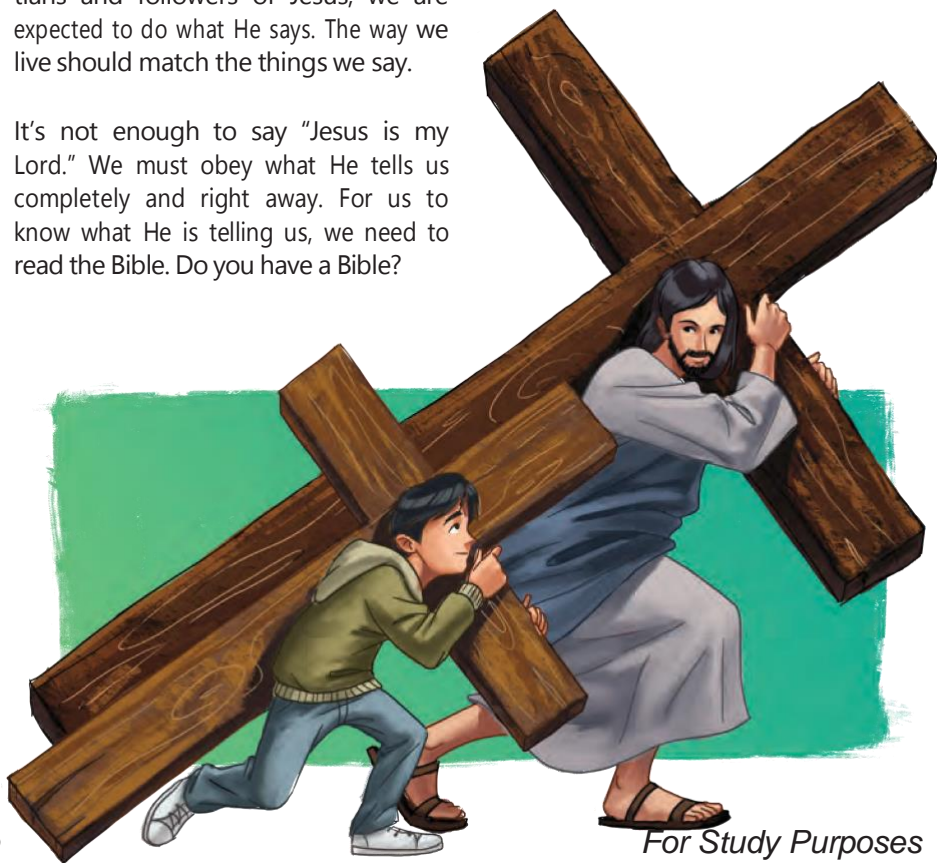
LORDSHIP DEMANDS OBEDIENCE

If our hearts say that we will follow Jesus, then our thoughts, words, and actions will show that we are obeying Him. When we call ourselves Christians and followers of Jesus, we are expected to do what He says. The way we live should match the things we say.

It's not enough to say "Jesus is my Lord." We must obey what He tells us completely and right away. For us to know what He is telling us, we need to read the Bible. Do you have a Bible?

Luke 6:46

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and still don't do what I say?"



LORDSHIP IS WALKING WITH GOD EVERY DAY

As a follower of Christ, we make Jesus our Lord for the rest of our lives. Following Jesus is not a one-time action but something we do daily. We obey Jesus whenever and wherever we may be, not just in church.

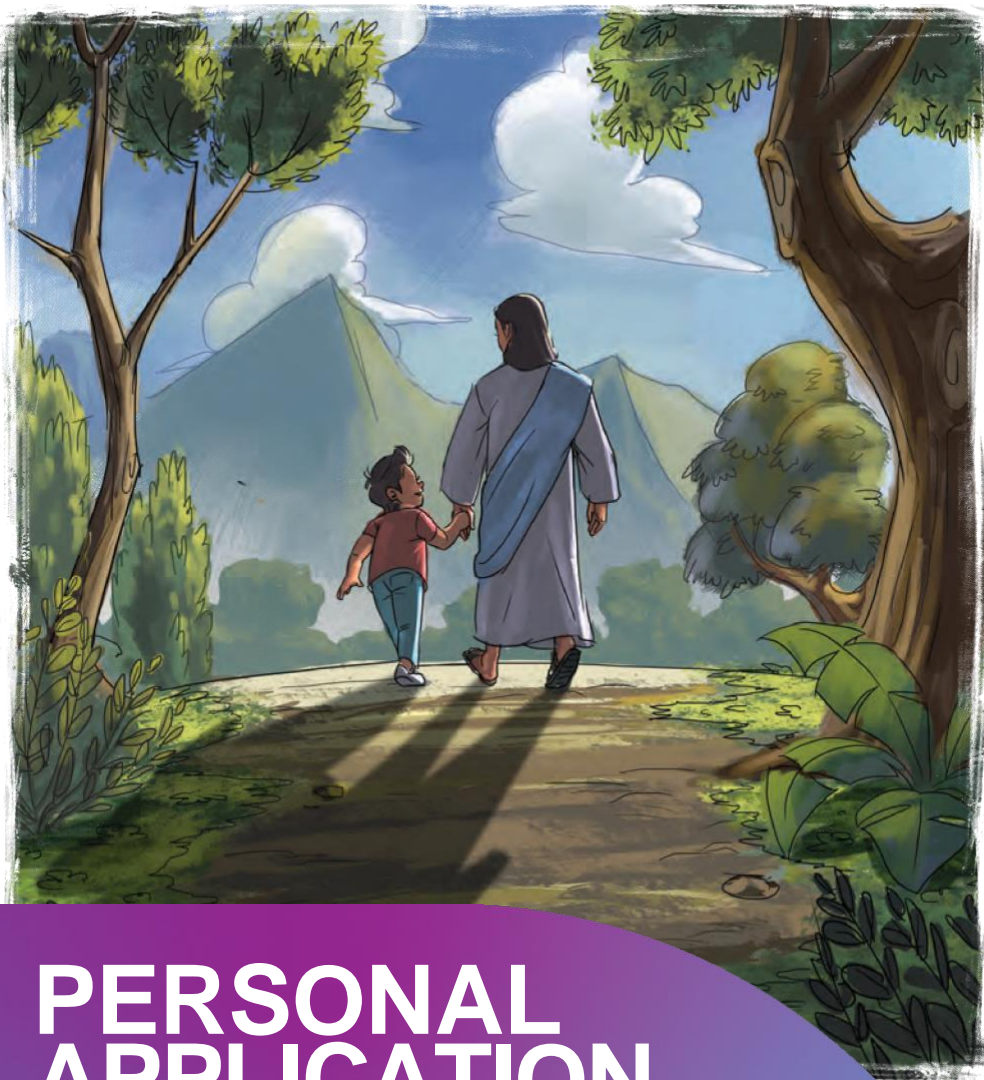
For our relationship with God to grow and become stronger, we must obey Him daily. It's just like how we take care of our bodies. If we want to be strong and healthy, we eat healthy food, take baths, and brush our teeth daily.

Colossians 2:6 (ESV)

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him . . .

Remember

The Lordship of Jesus
is all or nothing.



PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Does the way you treat other people (parents, brothers, sisters, classmates, friends, and others) show that you obey God?
- Does the way you spend your time show that you obey God?
- Does the way you use your money show that you obey God?
- Are there areas in your life, like your thoughts, words, or actions, that you need to surrender to the Lordship of Jesus?