

SESSION 4

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Q: How long have you been waiting on God?

Q: Are you tempted to shortcut The Promise?

Your SHORTCUTS become your DOWNFALL.

Genesis 17

⁹ Then God said to Abraham, “Your responsibility is to **obey** the terms of the covenant. ¹⁰ This is the covenant that you and your descendants must keep; each male among you must be circumcised. ¹¹ You must cut off the flesh of your foreskin as a sign of the covenant between me and you.

OBEY = “To Keep, To Protect, To Preserve.”

***Obedience is doing the RIGHT thing,
RIGHT away, with the RIGHT attitude.***

¹² From generation to generation, every male must be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. This applies not only to members of your family but also to the servants born in your household and the foreign-born servants whom you have purchased. ¹³ **All must be circumcised.** Your bodies will bear the mark of my everlasting covenant.

¹⁴ Any male who fails to be circumcised will be cut off from the covenant family for breaking the covenant.”

***Obedience doesn't get us INTO God's family,
we obey BECAUSE we're part of the family.***

Obey QUICKLY.

Genesis 17

¹⁹ God said, “Sarah, your wife, will give birth to a son for you. You will name him Isaac. ²¹ My covenant will be confirmed through Isaac, who will be born about this time next year.”

²² When God had finished speaking, he left Abraham.

²³ **On that very day** Abraham took his son, Ishmael, and every male in his household, including those born there and those he had bought. Then he circumcised them, cutting off their foreskins just as God had told them.

Telling God “LATER” is telling God “NO.”

Obey COMPLETELY.

Genesis 17

²⁶ Both Abraham and his son, Ishmael, were circumcised on that same day, ²⁷ along with all the other men and boys of the household, whether they were born there or bought as servants. **All were circumcised with him.**

Partial Obedience is DIS-OBEDIENCE.

Obey CERTAINLY.

Genesis 18

¹⁸ The LORD said, “Abraham will **certainly** become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just. **Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised.”**

“Obey God and leave the results to HIM.”

- Charles Stanley

Discussion.

Q: What is the **hardest thing** God
is asking you to do right now?

Q: Why is hard for you to **trust** God's assignment?

Q: What will happen if you continue to **disobey** God?

Q: What will happen if you choose to **obey** God?

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Prayer of Confession:

*Father, forgive me! I've been doing my own thing
and ignoring you. You told us in 1st John 1:9 . . .*

*"If we confess our sins, you're faithful and just
to forgive us of our sins, and to cleanse us
from ALL unrighteousness."*

*So here I am - standing in the middle of my disobedience.
Ready to be forgiven. Ready to be cleansed.
Ready to be change. Ready to be filled.*

*Thank you for cleansing me from ALL my guilt, shame,
and blame. Thank you for filling me with your Spirit.*

Amen.