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TODAY'S QUESTION:

What does John want to teach about obedience?

KEY IDEAS:

- 1. We love God by obeying his commands.** *Discipleship is about actively obeying Jesus—as an act of love, not an attempt to earn.*
- 2. God's commands are not burdensome—because obedience is life-giving.** *God's commands illuminate a pathway that leads to abundant life.*
- 3. Faith in Jesus gives us access to power that helps us resist the pull of the world.** *We are saved by God's power, and we are transformed by God's power.*

1 John 5:1-5

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

GRATITUDE LYRICS:

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude?

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

CHORUS

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arm stretched wide
I will worship You

CHORUS

So come on, my soul
Oh, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord
(repeat)