

The background features a desert landscape with rolling hills under a blue sky with white clouds. A black ladder is visible in the upper center, and a blue rectangular shape is positioned below it. The main text is centered within a white rectangular frame.

# OVERCOMING THROUGH OBEDIENCE & ABANDONMENT

Battle Tested

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# OBEDIENCE & ABANDONMENT

**The church in the book of acts was moving ahead to accomplish the mission and plan that Jesus had left them with.**

- **Acts 1:8 (NIV)** — 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth
- **The church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas and Paul to Antioch. To establish their mission & ministry, after Prayer and Fasting.**

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On the island of Cyprus, they stopped in Paphos.

- A time of Spiritual opposition & battle
- READ: Acts 13:1-2

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## **Obedience Is Essential In Order To Fight & Win Spiritual Battles**

- **Obedience Starts With Believing In God**
- **Believing In God Strengthens Our Faith**
- **Those Who Believe God Are Going To Obey God**
- **If you can't obey Him, the battle will overwhelm you!**

# OBEDIENCE & ABANDONMENT

## **OBEDIENCE IS ACTION:**

- ***The Question Of Obedience: Are You Putting Into Practice What The Lord Has Spoken Into Your Life?***
- **In Spiritual Battles -- Obedience Is The One Of The Most Important Keys To Finding Success**
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- **Ephesians 4:27 (NIV)** do not give the devil a foothold.

# OBEDIENCE & ABANDONMENT

**Disobedience: Satan Loves It. God Hates It!**

- **To Obey Directions & Battle Plan Is For Our Own Good**
- **There Is A Blessing For The Obedient**
- **There Is A Curse For The Disobedient**
- **We Choose Blessing Not Curse**
- **We Choose Obedience Not Disobedience**

# OBEDIENCE & ABANDONMENT

## **God's Way Through Obedience Is The Winning Way**

- Observing The Commands Of The Lord Is So Important
- **God Sees Things Under The Surface Yet Undiscovered**
- **He Leads Away Or Around Things That Will Hurt, Harm, Or Destroy**
- A Decision To Obey The Lord Becomes **A Testimony For Others**

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**For A Life Of Obedience These Things Are Required:—**

- **1. *Decisive surrender***
- **2. *The doing of all that we know to be right***
- **3. *The knowledge of God's will through the Spirit***
- **4. *Faith in the power of Christ***
- **The result is: *The glad assurance of the blessing of obedience.***
- **Murray, A. (1891). *The New Life: Words of God for Young Disciples of Christ***



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**Obedience Is Not Like The Jolt Of A Triple Espresso**

- **It Is More Like Taking Healthy Vitamins And Supplements**
- **It Is Not A Short-Term Thrill But A Long-Term Benefit**

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## THE WEAPON OF **ABANDONMENT**:

- *Abandonment is being all in*
- *It Is Being Fully Surrendered*
- *Being Willing To Relinquish All That You Have*
- *It's Time To Go All In, And All Out, For The “All In All”!*

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## **Paul calls himself a servant**

- **Romans 1:1 (NIV)** — 1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—
- Paul abandoned his rights and control in order to serve Jesus.
- Paul's life = Full surrender & abandonment
- Led to an even Greater level of servanthood
- **READ:** 2 Corinthians 11:23–33

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**Abandon= To Be Clay In The Potters Hands**

- **Given Over To God For His Design & Purpose**
- **In The Battle We Fight In Christ's Strength**
- **We Surrender Our Lives To God's Will And Direction**
- **As We Surrender To The Lord --We Gain Victories Through Him**

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**How do Christians gain the victory over their enemies, both natural and supernatural?**

- **Through surrender and abandonment to Christ**

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**Revelation 12:11 (NIV)** — 11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

1. *They “overcome” Satan “by the blood of the Lamb.”*
2. *They “overcome” Satan “by the word of their testimony”—their “witness”*
3. ***They “overcome” Satan by remaining faithful to Christ until death, and by remaining faithful to Christ even if it brings death --ABANDONED***

◦ *Davis, C. A. (2000). Revelation (pp. 147–148). College Press Pub.*

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*By Loving Christ More Than Their Own Lives, They “Conquer” The Enemy.  
They Display That Christ Is Worth More Than Their Lives.*

- Mangum, D.,
- **By Abandoning Their Own Lives, They Become More Than Conquerors**
- “When We Abandon Our Desires To Pursue The Desires Of God, There Is A Change That Takes Place, We Turn From Self Love And Self Protection And We Become And Move Towards Divine Love And Divine Worship.”
- Towns, E. L. (2006). *How to Pray: When You Don't Know What to Say* (

# OBEDIENCE & ABANDONMENT

**We Can Lay Down Our Battle Plans And Pick Up His**

- **And In That Place Of Abandonment And Surrender**
- We Experience A Sweet Communion That Produces A Confidence
- That Comes From A Complete And Total Commitment
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# OBEDIENCE & ABANDONMENT

**When The World No Longer Has A Hold On You And You  
Are Sold Out To Christ**

- **Satan Can No Longer Use The Things of the World  
Against You**

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No Army Every Won A War On The Defensive

- We Will Never Win The War Against The Enemy By Retreating
- We Have An Obligation To Move From Defense to Attack

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**The Captain Of God's Army Is Jesus Christ.**

- **We Submit To Our Captain**
- **To His Strategies Battle Plans And Directives**

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## **Jesus Came To Accomplish 2 Goals:**

1. To Pardon Us From Sin And Restore Fellowship w/God.
2. To Destroy The Works Of The Devil.

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## Jesus' Role In Spiritual Warfare:

**1. Through Him We Can Claim Authority Over The Enemy.**

**2. Jesus Intercedes For Us As We Engage In Spiritual Warfare.**

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- **In Every Battle With Satan Jesus Has Emerged Victorious**
- **Jesus Is The Captain Of The Hosts Of An Undefeated Army**

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- ***If We Obey Christ & Use These Weapons Of Offense***

- The Blood Of The Lamb
  - The Word Of God
  - Praise And Singing
  - Intercession
  - Abandonment
- The Word Of Your Testimony
  - The Name Of Jesus
  - Fasting
  - Obedience

- ***We Will Be Able To Storm Satan's Strongholds --Break Through His Gates -- Release His Captives --And Carry Away His Spoil --That Is The Church's Assignment***