



Experiencing God



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God's Will and the Church

Kingdom People

Experiencing God in Your Daily Life

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Hindrances to Obedience

- Everydayism
- Incorrect understanding of Satan
- Prayer
- Trust in authority
- Lack of relationship

Understanding Obedience

- It's the outward expression of your love for God.
- The reward for obedience and love is that God will reveal Himself to you.
- If you have an obedience problem, you have a love problem.
- If you love God, you will obey Him.

Understanding Obedience

- God is love. His will is always best.
- God is all-knowing. His directions are always right.
- God is all-powerful. He can enable you to do His will.

Experiencing God Through Obedience

- 1 Jesus is our Lord and friend.

Luke 6:46

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

John 15:14

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

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1 John 2:3-6

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

James 1:26

faith apart from works is dead

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Exodus 7:1-6

And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ² You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. ³ But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt,

Exodus 7:1-6

⁴ Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. ⁵ The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." ⁶ Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them.

Exodus 8:16-19

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" ¹⁷ And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt.

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¹⁸ The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹ Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Moses' Pattern of Obedience

- God invites Moses to join Him in what He was doing to deliver Israel.
- God told Moses what he was to do.
- Moses obeyed.
- God accomplished what He purposed to do.
- Moses and those around him came to know God more clearly and intimately.

Pattern of Obedience

- God invites you to join Him in what He's doing.
- God has directed and made promises to you.
- You obey.
- God accomplishes what He purposed to do.
- You, and those around you, come to know God more clearly and intimately.

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Discipleship Cues

1. Search (the Bible) and ask to God to reveal His truth to you. (Pray Psalm 119:33-35)

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³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your
law and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.



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1. Search (the Bible) and ask to God to reveal His truth to you. (Pray Psalm 119:33-35)
2. How would you describe your obedience to God? Declining, growing, or stagnant? Why?
3. Which of these are hardest: trusting God's ways are best, believing God's ways are right, or knowing God will enable me to do His will?



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