


LOVE & OBEY

TODAY'S TEXT  [John 13:35, 14:15](#) and selected Scriptures.

John 13:35 "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 14:15 "If you love me, obey my commandments."

NOTES:

Love without Obedience = _____

Obedience without Love = _____

LOVING OBEDIENCE and OBEDIENT LOVE = _____

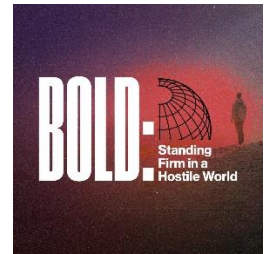
Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: BOLD – Standing Firm In A Hostile World

Message: Part 3 – LOVE & OBEY

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

Date: June 11, 2023



Connect (30min)

*Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men/women) to maximize sharing & prayer.

1. HIGH-LOW-KOKOMO

- a. **High:** Share a highlight from this past week in your life.
- b. **Low:** Share a challenge or struggle that you've faced this past week in your life
- c. **Kokomo:** What is one place in each of the following areas that you've never been to that you'd love to visit?
 - i. British Columbia
 - ii. The Rest of Canada
 - iii. The Rest of the World

2. FAITH FOCUS

What has encouraged or challenged you from your personal devotions (reading/prayer) this week?

Share one highlight with the group – an insight, encouragement, challenge or application.

3. P.R.A.Y. - BE BOLD IN LOVE. JUNE's Prayer Focus brochures available at church.

📖 **Read [1 Corinthians 13](#).** Share the reading as a group & use it as a guide for prayer.

🙏 **Pray** – Take 10min to P.R.A.Y. together. Leader – time & transition to each component.

-- Pause (be still & listen. 2min)

-- Rejoice & Reflect (praise & thanks. 2min.),

-- Ask (invite & request 4min.)

-- Yes (surrender & trust. 2min)

Message Discussion (45min)

*Reconnect as a large group.


1. EVERYDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Have you recently had the opportunity to engage your faith in these following ways through your everyday relationships and situations (outside of the church)? Briefly share examples from each example as a group.

- a. Pray for someone.
- b. Share or stand on a Biblical conviction with someone.
- c. Show grace.
- d. Speak truth.
- e. Help someone in need.
- f. Share your testimony or the Gospel.

2. LOVE & OBEY - Read 📖 [John 13:35, 14:15](#)

- a. Do these verses contradict each other? Discuss.
- b. What do these words from Jesus teach us about love?
- c. Why would Jesus connect love with obeying His commands?
- d. Can you think of any commands from God, that if not followed, would cause us to not love well? Discuss.

3. What is the outcome of loving without obeying God? (*Affirmation*)
 - a. Why would it be easy to affirm sinful actions and lifestyles by disobeying or ignoring God's commands?
4. What is the outcome of obeying without loving? (*Duty*)
 - a. How does love fit into following and obeying the rules and commands of God.
5. **CHRISTLIKE INFLUENCE** - Read  [Romans 5:12-19](#) and [Philippians 2:5-11](#)
 - a. How did the disobedience of Adam *influence* others?
 - b. How did the obedience of Jesus *influence* others?
 - c. How does committing ourselves to love and obedience foster Christlike *influence* in our hostile culture? Share some examples.
6. **ROOM FOR GROWTH**
 - a. Where do you need to grow more in? In *love* or in *obedience*?
 - b. Share an example of where/how you need to obey Jesus (& obey like Jesus).
 - c. Share an example of where/how you need to love more like Jesus?
 - d. What is one thing you can do this week to model *loving obedience* and *obedient love*?
Share and pray for one another.

Prayer (15min)

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- In response to the message, scripture and discussion -- let's Pray for one another and opportunities we have.

Group Plans

*Confirm your Life Group plans for June, the summer break, and tentative plans for September.