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Love & Obedience

Weekly Recap

Monday

- John 15:9-12 (AMP)
 - Living a life of obedience rooted in love, creates an environment where God's presence can dwell within you. Keeping you inside of His will, favor, protection, and grace.
 - You also produce fruit from His Spirit, specifically JOY. A joy that is full, complete, lacking nothing, and overflowing.
 - It is our top priority to love unselfishly and seek the best for one another. Being an example of who God is in our life.

Tuesday

- John 14:21-24 (NLT)
 - Obedience is fueled by love. The purification and sanctification that comes from this obedience allows us to see and hear Him like never before.
 - God wants His Spirit to rest within us. The house we are building on that firm foundation, is our bodies, the temples of the Holy Spirit. The home God is looking to rest in is us.
- 1 Peter 1:13-16 (NLT)
 - There's a preparation necessary to PRACTICE the truth we've learned. We have a need for hope that comes from salvation.
 - It's our own self seeking idolatry that causes us to backslide. We're being held to a higher standard now.
 - And we have a call to be Holy.

Wednesday

- Mark 12:28-31 (NLT)
 - In order to truly love others, we have to TRULY love God. We are empowered by the Spirit of love, power, and sound mind to then love God from that source. Without this, we won't understand what love is.
- Romans 13:8-10 (NLT)
 - Take a minute to see how God's commands tie back to our love for one another.
 - Love does no wrong to others. Are we aware of the IMPACT sin has on one another, even if not immediately?

- 1 Timothy 1:5 (NLV)
 - Our spiritual growth is intended to teach us how to love from a pure place. You can only operate from that true love when it's perfected (no fear). That's the only time it can be genuine.

Thursday

- Luke 9:23-25 (NLT)
 - In order to walk with Christ in fullness, you have to let go of your own desires.
 - You have to carry the denial of our flesh in preparation for the suffering and sacrifices. This is a reason Jesus mentions counting the cost.
 - *We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. [2 Corinthians 4:10]*
 - *He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. [Philippians 2:8]*
 - *Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. [Hebrews 5:8]*
 - We have to lay down our own ideas of what life should be for us. But remember the hope that we have for our salvation!

Saturday

1. Build on the Rock: Hear and Do the Word
 - Ask a trusted believer to hold you accountable for acting on one area of obedience this week.
2. Love Proven by Obedience
 - Ask yourself each morning: "How can I show love for Christ through obedience today?" Then journal one way you obeyed by night.
3. Deny Self and Walk in Daily Surrender
 - Identify one area where self-will rules (habits, pride, desires). Surrender it to God in prayer and make a small step of obedience instead.
4. Practice Forgiveness and Unconditional Love
 - Write down one person you've struggled to forgive. Pray blessing over them this week and reaffirm love by an act of kindness or prayer.
5. Stay Spiritually Awake and Rooted in Hope
 - Begin and end each day with gratitude and worship to keep your heart awake and fixed on eternity

Sunday

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-2 (NLT)
 - Knowledge, gifts, understanding... all of the things God blesses us with cannot be tools of wisdom if LOVE is not the fuel behind their application.
- 2 John 1:5-6 (NLT)
 - Obeying God's commandments and loving Him go hand in hand. Love MEANS doing what God has commanded us.
 - Not doing what we think would feel good, not leaning in on our own understanding, but genuinely seeking Him and learning how to better treat one another through His divine wisdom.