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Days With Jesus, Day 44—The Love That Obeys
John 14:15-31

To love Jesus is to OBEY him

For over three years, Jesus trained his disciples in the things of God. As he prepares to return to heaven, he reminds them that anyone who claims to love him will continue to obey his commands once he is gone. *No one can be a Christian and not follow Christ* (1 John 2:4-6)! Many claim to *know* Christ, some claim to *follow* Christ, but few are *obedient* to Christ. Obedience is a heart issue; what is in the heart should make it to the hands. *God blesses those who hear and do* (Matt. 7:24, 25; John 13:16, 17; James 1:22).

The Holy Spirit is the TRUTH of God

Instead of the disciples relying on their own strength to stay with Jesus, he promises the Holy Spirit (Gr. *Hagiou Pneumatos*, ‘sacred/holy, wind/breath/spirit’) as a Helper (Gr. *paraklétos*, ‘one called alongside to help, comforter, advocate’) to dwell in their hearts (Rom. 5:5; 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Tim. 1:14). The presence of the Holy Spirit creates a new life—not a *religion about* God but a *relationship with* God (John 3:3-6). *The Holy Spirit gives both creation, information, and motivation to please God!* The masculine, personal pronoun ‘He’ describes the Holy Spirit as a Person, not an impersonal Force or Power. He births, encourages, strengthens, rebukes, empowers, and is a name believers are baptized into (Matt. 28:19; John 16:8; Acts 9:31; Eph. 1:13). As the Spirit of Truth, He helped the Apostles write God’s word (2 Pet. 1:21). *The Holy Spirit is God’s truth helping believers live lives of truth!*

Believers will have PEACE from God

The presence of the Holy Spirit allows believers to have confidence that regardless of how they feel, they can always have faith that God is with them. Being accessible all the time, the Holy Spirit helps believers face extreme circumstances with supernatural peace (2 Thess. 3:16). *God is our ever-present help in our time of need* (Ps. 46:1)! Additionally, Jesus promised that he and the Father will take up residence (Gr. *monēn*, ‘room, lodging, residence’) in a believer’s heart, so all the fullness of God is manifest in their life (Rev. 3:20). As the presence, power, and perfection of God is available, there is no excuse to not live for God. *The believer can be all God wants them to be because they have all of who God is!*