



Sermon Discussion Guide for I AM Worship Church
The Other Side of Obedience
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We hope this material will continue to minister as the sermon was preached during our weekly worship service. When we receive God's Word at church, we need not only to hear the message, but we ought to walk it out in our daily lives. We should "be doers of the word, not only hearers." (James 1:22)

- Step 1: GET TOGETHER with your family or group.
Step 2: REVIEW the key points and scriptures from the message.
Step 3: SHARE with your group what God is saying to you through the message.
Step 4: PRAY together, for each other and over each other to continue to walk this word out.

The Big Idea

God's commands aren't about restricting you; they're about positioning you. Scripture reveals that obedience aligns you with what God has already purposed to give—blessing that "overtakes" you—not because He reacts to your actions, but because His instructions are the pathway to His predetermined good (Jer 29:11). The other side of your obedience is God's best: provision, protection, and purpose.

Don't Miss This Point!

Read Genesis 22:1-18. Obedience rarely feels convenient, but grace empowers it. Throughout Scripture, God's calls stretch people beyond comfort—Abraham's surrender, Noah's long obedience (Gen 6:13–22), and Paul learning that God's strength is perfected in weakness (2 Cor 12:9; 4:7). Your "yes" may feel costly now, but God's promise outpaces the present price (Mark 10:29–30).

Another Great Point!

Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14. Blessing follows alignment: God weaves fruitfulness into the fabric of creation for those who heed His voice. We are promised comprehensive favor—at home and in the field, coming and going, against enemies, upon work and increase—when we "carefully obey" His commands. Obedience doesn't earn God's love; it positions your life under the flow of His provision and protection.

One Last Point!

Read John 15:1-17. Sometimes God's instructions aren't about your blessing but someone else's breakthrough. Jesus ties abiding, love, and obedience together and then commands, "Love one another as I have loved you," promising lasting fruit and answered prayer. From Jonah to Esther to the Great Commission, obedience becomes God's delivery system to others; your yes can ripple far beyond your plans.

Let's Be Doers!

Identify one clear instruction from God and act on it this week. (1) **Align:** set a daily "first 15" to abide in the Word and prayer. (2) **Advance:** take one costly but concrete step of obedience—make the call, set the meeting, forgive, enroll, or serve. (3) **Assist:** ask, "Who benefits from my yes?" and intentionally love/serve that person or group. (4) **Accountability:** share your step with a trusted believer for prayer and follow-through. Expect God to supply strength for the yes and to produce fruit that remains.