

**Wednesday Night Live**  
***Christian-ish: Selective Obedience***  
**September 3, 2025**

**Big Idea:** God doesn't want partial obedience. God wants our full surrender.

**Christian-ish Faith**

- Having a half-hearted faith
- Christian enough to believe in Jesus — but not to behave like Jesus

**Selective Obedience**

- Selective obedience is the dangerous illusion that doing some of what God commands is enough, when it's really disobedience in disguise.
- Deut. 5:33 (NIV)
- Exodus 19:5 (NIV)
- Job 36:11 (NIV)

**Saul's Story**

- 1 Samuel 15:1-3
- 1 Samuel 15:7-9
- Disobedience always starts with a whisper.
- Half obedience = disobedience
- 1 Samuel 15:20-21
- Sin never needs a good reason — Sin just needs a good excuse.
- 1 Samuel 15:22
- To obey is better than to sacrifice
- 1 John 5:3-4

**Obedience is Love in Action**

- God's commands are not a burden — they bring freedom.
- God's love is unconditional.
- Our obedience demonstrates our love for God.

**Family Group Questions:**

1. Share one thing you did this past week that required faith.
2. What stood out to you from the message tonight?
3. Why do you think "selective obedience" is so tempting for us?
4. Talk about a time when you chose obedience when it was difficult. How did that choice build your relationship with God?
5. How does "making excuses" for sin affect our relationship with God?
6. Where are you letting sin whisper its way into your life? Discuss ways you can turn toward God the next time you're tempted to justify sin.
7. What's one practical step you can take this week to fully obey God?