Simple Obedience Meadowbrook Community Church February 18, 2024 Pastor Aaron VanderMolen

What does God desire most from us? Obedience.

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

How does the enemy try to pull you away from long-standing obedience?

THREATEN YOU

Now when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." But his hand which he stretched out against him dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself. The altar also was split apart and the ashes were poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord. The king said to the man of God, "Please entreat the Lord your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of God entreated the Lord, and the king's hand was restored to him, and it became as it was before. 1 Kings 13:4-6

Do not allow the threats of the enemy to shake your obedience.

What threats are shaking your obedience?

ENTICE YOU

Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward." But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place. For so it was commanded me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came.'" So he went another way and did not return by the way which he came to Bethel. 1 Kings 13:7-10

We should not have fellowship with the darkness.

What are you allowing the enemy to entice you with that is not giving God full obedience?

DECEIVE YOU

Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread." He said, "I cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. For a command came to me by the word of the Lord, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came.'" He said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" But he lied to him. So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water. 1 Kings 15-19

Do not allow your God-given conviction to change based on someone else's opinion.

What has the Lord asked you to do or not to do, but you changed your mind without consulting the Lord?