

A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide shows a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright orange circle in the sky, with its light reflecting as a shimmering path on the water's surface. A small sailboat is visible on the water, positioned in the lower third of the frame. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with a few wispy clouds.

ALIGNING OURSELVES WITH GOD'S WILL

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ROMANS 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



DEUTERONOMY 11:26-28

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—²⁷ the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; ²⁸ the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

Obey - you will be blessed

Disobey - you will be cursed

DEFINITION

Obedience - hearing or hearkening to a higher authority.

DEFINITION

Greek definition of obedience- to position oneself under someone by submitting to their authority or command.

DEFINITION

Obey/Trust - to hear God's word and act accordingly.

ROMANS 7:15-20

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

DISOBEDIENCE:

- Don't do the good things we should do.
- Do the things we know we shouldn't do.

OBEDIENCE TO GOD:

- Aligning our will with God's will or doing what we have been asked to do by God.
- Surrendering to God's authority and basing our choices and decisions on His Word.

1 SAMUEL 12:14-15

If you fear the Lord and serve and obey him and do not rebel against his commands, and if both you and the king who reigns over you follow the Lord your God—good! ¹⁵ But if you do not obey the Lord, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your ancestors.

- Obey then God is for you
- Disobey then God is against you

ROMANS 12:1-2 (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

JOHN 14:23-24

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

TWO QUESTIONS

1. Do I demonstrate my love for Jesus by obeying His commands?
2. Can other see that I am a follower of God because my actions and words align with God's words?

1 SAMUEL 15:22-23 (NLT)

But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. ²³ Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”

1 SAMUEL 15:35

Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

ROMANS 5:19

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

QUOTE

We are not called to live by human reason. All that matters is obedience to God's word and His leading in our lives. If God says go, we'll go. If he says stay, we'll stay. When we are in His will, we are in the safest place in the world. -B.Y.

PSALM 119:1-8 (NLT)

Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord. ² Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. ³ They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. ⁴ You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. ⁵ Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! ⁶ Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands. ⁷ As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should! ⁸ I will obey your decrees. Please don't give up on me!

QUOTE

Faith without works is not Faith at all, but a simple lack of obedience to God. - D.B.

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JAMES 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.