

Prioritizing Obedience to the Father



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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33 So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

—John 4:32-34 (ESV)

1. Jesus prioritized **OBEDIENCE** to the Father.

A. Jesus always did what PLEASED the Father.

So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

—John 8:28-29 (ESV)

B. Jesus was always actively SEEKING to do God’s will.

“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

—John 5:30 (ESV)

Most people are asking: “What would please me right now?”

*To follow Jesus means we ask: “**Father, What would please You right now?**”*

2. Jesus prioritized obedience to the Father because:

A. Obedience is FOOD.

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

—John 4:34 (ESV)

1. Refreshing

2. Nourishing

3. Life-Giving

B. Obedience brings JOY.

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...

—Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)

“...to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.”

—Hebrews 11:25 (ESV)

You never win by choosing sin.

C. Obedience shows LOVE.

but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

—John 14:31 (ESV)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

—John 14:15 (ESV)

God’s LOVE language is Obedience

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still

sinner, Christ died for us.

—Romans 5:8 (ESV)

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

—Matthew 26:41 (ESV)

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

—Romans 7:15 (ESV)

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

—Romans 7:24-25 (ESV)