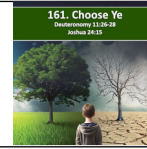


Obedience — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#161) — KJV

Deuteronomy 11:26–28 “Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God....”

Joshua 24:15 “...choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

💖 Apply the Promise!

Following God is a daily choice! When we bravely choose to obey Him—even when it is difficult or unpopular—He will always bless our courage.

📖 Bible Story (Joshua 24)

When Joshua was an old man, he gathered all the tribes of Israel together to give them one final message. He reminded them of everything God had done for them. The Lord had brought them out of slavery, cared for them in the wilderness, and given them the promised land.

But Joshua knew the people had an important choice to make. They could not serve the Lord with only half their hearts. Some were still holding onto the false gods their families had known before.

Joshua spoke plainly. He told the people to put away their idols and serve the Lord sincerely. Obedience could not be only words. If they truly loved God, they needed to choose Him fully.

Then Joshua said, “Choose today whom you will serve.” He was asking them to stop hesitating and decide whose voice they would follow.

Joshua did not wait to see what everyone else would do. He had already made his choice. He said, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua’s words show that obedience begins with a settled heart. We cannot follow God and hold onto sin at the same time. Each day, we must choose whose voice we will listen to.

When we choose to serve the Lord, we are saying, “God, I belong to You. I will listen to Your Word, follow Your way, and obey You with my whole heart.”

☀️ True Story

In 1852, a young man named Hudson Taylor was studying in England to become a doctor. He was poor and lived simply, but he wanted to obey God in everything.

One evening, a man asked Hudson to come visit his sick wife. When Hudson arrived, he found the family in a cold, dark room. The mother was ill, the children were hungry, and there was no food in the house.

Hudson reached into his pocket and felt his last coin. It was the only money he had left. He knew he needed it for his own food, but he also knew this family needed help right away.

At first, Hudson wanted to pray for them and leave. But his conscience would not let him rest. God’s Word had taught him to care for the poor, and now he had a choice to make.

Hudson could keep his last coin for himself, or he could obey the conviction God had placed in his heart. He quietly pulled out the coin and gave it to the family.

As soon as he obeyed, peace filled his heart. He had trusted God with his own need and helped the people in front of him.

The next morning, a small package came in the mail. Inside was a coin worth much more than the one Hudson had given away. God had provided for him in a way he did not expect.

Hudson Taylor’s choice shows that obedience is not only doing right when it is easy. Sometimes obedience costs us something. But when God shows us what is right, we can follow Him, help others, and trust our needs to His loving care.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Joshua tell the Israelites to throw away?
- How did Hudson Taylor feel when his conscience told him to give away his last coin?
- Joshua said, “Choose you this day.” What is one specific choice you can make today to bravely show others that you serve God?

🎨 Activity:

Take the kids outside and use a stick to draw a deep “line in the sand” in the dirt. On one side, write “The World” and on the other side, write “God’s Kingdom.” Have the children stand on the world’s side. Read Joshua 24:15 out loud together. When you read “Choose you this day,” have the children bravely jump across the line to God’s side! Discuss how following Jesus requires us to make a firm choice to cross the line and never look back.

Obedience — Day 2



 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#162) — NKJV

Proverbs 6:20–23 "My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you. For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light..."

Apply the Promise!

The rules and instructions our parents give us are like a bright flashlight in the dark! When we choose to listen and obey, their loving wisdom will keep us safe, protect our hearts, and guide us to a beautiful life.

Bible Story (Luke 2)

When Jesus was twelve years old, He traveled with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. After the feast was over, Mary and Joseph began the long journey home to Nazareth with a large group of relatives and friends.

They thought Jesus was somewhere in the traveling group. But after a full day, they realized He was not with them. Their hearts filled with worry, and they hurried back to Jerusalem to search for Him.

After three days, they found Jesus in the temple. He was sitting with the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers.

Mary asked Him why He had stayed behind. Jesus gently explained that He must be about His Father's business. He understood that God was His Father and that His life had a holy purpose.

Jesus had more wisdom than any earthly parent. He was the Son of God. Yet He did not use His wisdom as an excuse to ignore Mary and Joseph.

The Bible says Jesus went back to Nazareth with them and was subject to them. That means He willingly obeyed their authority in the home.

Jesus shows us that obedience to parents is part of honoring God. We do not obey only when we understand every rule or when the rule feels easy. A humble child listens, follows directions, and trusts that God is pleased when we honor the parents He has given us.

True Story

In February 2016, a five-year-old girl named Cloe Woods lived in Louisiana. A few months earlier, her class had taken a field trip to the local fire department to learn about safety. The firefighters taught the children exactly what to do if there was ever a fire.

One morning, a fire suddenly started on the stove, and the loud smoke alarm went off. Cloe was home with her blind grandmother and their dog.

Cloe could have frozen in fear, but she remembered the firm instructions she had been given. She quickly jumped out of bed and ran to her grandmother's room. She told her grandmother they needed to get outside immediately.

Her grandmother wanted to stop and find her shoes, but Cloe knew they had to obey the safety rules and be fast. Cloe bravely told her blind grandmother to hold onto her shoulder. She carefully guided her through the house, making sure their dog got out safely as well.

Once they were safely outside, Cloe even ran door-to-door to ask neighbors for help and a bucket of water. The fire chief later said her quick obedience completely saved her grandmother's life.

Cloe's story shows why obedience matters. She was safe because she listened, remembered, and obeyed quickly when the time came. Parents and trusted adults give instructions because they often see dangers children do not understand. When we obey right away, we learn to trust the loving guidance God has placed in our lives.

Discussion Questions:

- Where did Mary and Joseph finally find Jesus after searching for three days?
- How did Cloe's decision to listen and obey right away help keep her family safe during the emergency?
- Proverbs 6 says your parents' rules are like a "lamp." What is one rule your parents have that acts like a lamp to keep you safe?

Activity:

Play a fast-paced game of "Jesus Says" (just like "Simon Says"). Give the children silly, illogical commands, like "cluck like a chicken while rubbing your belly" or "walk backwards in a circle." If a child asks "Why?", they are out! They must simply say, "Yes, Master!" and obey instantly. Discuss how even when Jesus was young, He chose to obey His parents. We should obey God and the authorities He places in our lives cheerfully, even when their instructions seem strange!

Obedience — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#163) — KJV

John 2:5 "His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Even when God's instructions seem confusing or don't make logical sense to our human minds, if we simply obey exactly what He says, He will always work a beautiful miracle.

📖 Bible Story (Luke 5 & John 2)

One morning, Jesus stood by the Sea of Galilee while a crowd pressed close to hear God's Word. He saw two fishing boats by the shore and stepped into Peter's boat. Then He asked Peter to push it out a little from the land so He could teach the people.

When Jesus finished speaking, He told Peter to row out into the deep water and let down his nets for a catch.

Peter was tired. He had worked all night and had caught nothing. He was an experienced fisherman, and going back out did not make sense. He knew the best time to catch fish was in the shallow water at night, not during the day.

But Peter did not argue. He said, "Master, we have worked all night and caught nothing." Then he added, "But because You say so, I will let down the net."

Peter obeyed even when he was tired. He obeyed even when he did not understand. He chose to trust Jesus' word more than his own feelings and experience.

When Peter let down the net, so many fish filled it that the net began to break. He had to call his friends to help, and soon both boats were full.

This helps us understand practical obedience. We do not obey God only when His instructions feel easy or when we already understand everything. When Jesus speaks through His Word, we can trust Him enough to do what He says. Obedience means listening, yielding our own way, and following Him one step at a time.

☀️ True Story

In the 1860s, a missionary named John Paton lived on a hot island called Aniwa. A long drought hit the land, and it stopped raining. The islanders needed fresh water.

John prayed and earnestly asked God to help the people. He felt God telling him to take a shovel and dig a deep hole into the dry dirt. He believed God would provide water.

To the people living on the island, this idea made no logical sense. They told John that water falls from the sky in the rain. They laughed and said water never comes up from the dusty ground.

It looked foolish to dig in the dry dirt while the sun was shining. The chief warned John that he would get too tired. But John knew he needed to follow God's instructions.

John put his own logic away and chose to obey. He worked hard and dug deep into the ground. Suddenly, his shovel struck a fresh, cool spring of water hidden under the earth.

The islanders were amazed by the fresh water bubbling up from the dirt. They realized that John's God was real and powerful. Because of this miracle, the whole village gave their hearts to Jesus.

John Paton's story shows that obedience is not always easy or understood by others. Sometimes God asks us to do something that feels difficult, slow, or even foolish to people around us. But when we trust Him enough to obey, He can use our faithfulness to bless others and bring honor to His name.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did Jesus' command make absolutely no logical sense to Peter's professional mind?
- Why did the islanders laugh at John Paton when he started digging in the dry dirt with his shovel?
- John 2:5 says, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." What is one specific thing God commands us to do in the Bible that sometimes feels difficult to obey?

🎬 Activity:

Set up a safe, open space and blindfold one child. Have a parent or teacher stand across the room and give them spoken instructions on how to reach them (e.g., "take two steps left, walk three steps forward"). The blindfolded child must carefully trust and obey the voice, even though they cannot see where they are going. Discuss how obeying God sometimes feels like wearing a blindfold, but we can always trust His voice to guide us!

Obedience — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#164) — KJV

Ephesians 6:1–3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Honoring and obeying your parents is the key to a blessed life! In fact, it is the very first commandment that comes with a special, guaranteed reward: when you treat your parents with respect, God promises to watch over you and bless your life.

📖 Bible Story (Jeremiah 35)

In the days of the prophet Jeremiah, the nation of Israel had become rebellious. They were constantly breaking God's laws and ignoring His prophets. So, God decided to use one family to teach the entire nation a lesson about obedience.

Hundreds of years before Jeremiah was born, a man named Jonadab gave his family, the Rechabites, some strict rules to protect them. He told them never to drink wine, never to build permanent houses, and to always live in tents. For over two hundred years, long after Jonadab died, his family faithfully obeyed his commands!

One day, God told Jeremiah to test them. Jeremiah brought the Rechabites into the holy temple, set large bowls of wine in front of them, and told them to drink. But they respectfully refused! They said, "We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us." Jeremiah was not trying to make them sin; God was using them as an object lesson.

God pointed to the Rechabites and said to Israel, "Look at these people! They perfectly obey the words of an earthly father who died hundreds of years ago, but you will not obey Me, the living God!"

Because the Rechabites so deeply honored their father's rules, God gave them a blessing. He promised that the Rechabite family would survive forever and always have someone to stand before God. They proved that faithfully honoring your parents brings God's greatest blessings!

☀️ True Story

In 2018, a ten-year-old girl named Jocelyn Rojas was walking near a park in San Tan Valley, Arizona. Suddenly, a white SUV pulled up beside them. The man inside told her that her brother had been in a serious accident and that she needed to get in the car with him. But the man was not telling the truth. He was trying to trick her into going with him.

This was a frightening moment. The girl cared about her brother, and the man wanted her to feel scared enough to obey him quickly. But her mother, Brenda, had already given her an important family rule.

A few months earlier, the family had chosen a secret code word. Her parents had taught her that if anyone she did not know ever came to pick her up, she should ask for the code word before going anywhere.

The girl remembered her mother's instruction. She did not ignore it. She did not get into the car. Instead, she looked at the man and asked, "What is the code word?"

The man did not know the answer. He froze and drove away.

Afterward, the sheriff praised the family for making a plan and teaching the girl what to do. Her obedience helped protect her from danger.

This story shows why it matters to listen carefully when parents give instructions. Sometimes a rule may seem small or unnecessary at the time, but later it can become very important. When children obey wise instruction, they are learning to trust the guidance God has placed in their lives.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did the Rechabites do when Jeremiah offered them wine in the temple?
- How did Jocelyn's choice to remember her mother's instruction protect her from danger?
- Ephesians 6 says obeying parents is the first commandment "with promise." What does God promise to those who honor their parents?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a piece of paper and a marker, then blindfold them. Give them step-by-step commands to draw shapes ("draw a large circle, now two triangles on top, now three lines on each side"). Because they can't see, the commands won't make sense! Have them remove the blindfolds to reveal they drew a cat! Discuss how God sees the big picture. When we faithfully follow His step-by-step commands, He turns our obedience into a masterpiece!

Obedience — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#165) — KJV

Ephesians 6:5–6 "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;"

💖 Apply the Promise!

When we do our chores or our jobs, we aren't really just working for our earthly bosses; we are actually working for Jesus! When we choose to obey our heavenly Master, we are doing the will of God from our heart.

📖 Bible Story (Daniel 6)

When the Medo-Persian Empire conquered Babylon, King Darius needed trustworthy men to help rule the kingdom. Daniel was chosen as one of the chief leaders because he had an excellent spirit. He was wise, faithful, and careful in his work.

The other leaders became jealous of Daniel. They did not want him to be honored by the king, so they began looking for a way to accuse him. They watched his work closely, hoping to find dishonesty, laziness, carelessness, or some hidden wrong.

But they could not find anything against him. Daniel was not faithful only when the king was watching. He did not do just enough to look good in front of others. He worked honestly because he knew God saw every choice.

Daniel obeyed from the heart. Whether he was handling the king's business, making decisions, or doing ordinary daily work, he wanted to be faithful to God. Even in the hidden details of his work, Daniel chose honesty instead of shortcuts. His enemies finally admitted that they could not find any fault in him unless they made a law against his worship of the Lord.

Daniel's life shows what true obedience looks like. It is not only obeying when someone is checking on us. It is doing what is right because we belong to God.

When we clean, study, practice, help, or finish a job, we can do it with a willing heart. We do not need to hide sloppy work or only try hard when someone is watching. God sees the hidden places, and faithful obedience honors Him.

☀️ True Story

In 1957, Brother Andrew drove his car toward a border crossing. He was entering a country where bringing Christian books across the border could be very dangerous.

Brother Andrew had Bibles hidden in his car. He knew the guards could search his vehicle, take the books, and stop him. But he believed God wanted those Bibles to reach the waiting believers.

As he waited in line, he watched the guards pulling cars apart. Suddenly, Andrew felt God giving him an instruction to test his trust. He needed to put the Bibles out in plain sight!

To a human mind, this idea made no sense. But Andrew chose to bravely obey God right away. He took the books out of their hiding spots and laid them openly on his seat.

Then Brother Andrew prayed. He asked God to make seeing eyes blind so the guards would not notice anything God did not want them to see.

When it was his turn, the guard looked at his papers and glanced inside the car. He did not stop to search for the Bibles. He simply waved him through.

Brother Andrew drove into the country with the Bibles safely inside his car. Later, he was able to place God's Word into the hands of believers who had been waiting and praying.

Brother Andrew's choice shows us that obedience is not always easy, safe-looking, or understood by others. But when God shows us the right thing to do, we can pray, move forward, and trust Him with the results.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- When the spies secretly watched Daniel work, could they find any mistakes or lazy shortcuts?
- What did Brother Andrew pray as he watched the guards searching the cars ahead of him?
- Ephesians 6 says we shouldn't work with "eyeservice." What is one chore you can do with complete excellence today, even if your parents aren't watching?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a piece of heavy white paper and a white crayon. Have them press hard to write "God Sees" or draw a picture of a chore they do at home. Because it is white-on-white, it looks like absolutely nothing is there—just like when we work hard and no earthly boss notices! Then, give them watercolors to paint over the paper, which will magically reveal the hidden white wax message. Discuss how Jesus always clearly sees our honest obedience.