

Week **FIVE**

Obey the Word

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John 14:15 (TPT)

Loving me empowers you to obey my commands.

Love Fuels Obedience

The more we grow in our love for Jesus, the more empowered we become to live according to His Word. Our love for Him compels us to obey. When we find ourselves struggling to follow His Word, we must pause and ask why. Have we allowed the things of this world to distract us, pull us away, or dull our devotion to our first love? As we deepen our love for Jesus through obedience to His Word, time in prayer, and moments of praise and worship, our desire to please Him grows stronger. Obedience becomes less of a duty and more of a natural response.

Jesus modeled this perfectly. He said, “I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father” (John 14:31 ESV). His obedience was rooted in love, and His love was expressed through obedience. Jesus was fully committed to His relationship with the Father, and we are called to that same kind of devotion.

Jesus, Our Example

Jesus was the perfect example of how to love God, and He obeyed His commands completely. Jesus said, “The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him” (John 8:29 NIV). Think about that. Jesus always pleased the Father. That’s love. This didn’t happen overnight. Even as a child Jesus experienced favor with God and man because of His commitment to do the will of His Father. He learned obedience through the things He suffered (Hebrews 5:7-9). Jesus suffered much while on this earth, but His love for Father God kept Him focused. He left us a blueprint of how to please the Father. Once we learn to trust and obey God in the smaller trials, we are better

prepared to trust and obey Him in the larger ones. Have you ever faced a situation you thought you wouldn't make it through, only to look back and see how God carried you, step by step and day by day? In those moments, your love for Him grew stronger.

Faith is built through daily trust and obedience to what God has said in His Word. As we continue to grow in our love for Him, we come to realize that God truly knows what is best for our lives. His Word is clear, and His ways are trustworthy. Jesus modeled this kind of life—one of consistent trust, unwavering obedience, and complete confidence in the Father.

Obey What's Written

Many people want to hear God speak audibly. They look for a “word from God,” moving from conference to conference, church to church, and prayer meeting to prayer meeting, hoping to hear His voice. What we often fail to recognize is that the Bible is the Word of God. All we have to do is open it and read. The question is never whether God is speaking but whether we are listening. The Bible is God's voice in print. When we obey the written Word of God, we are, in fact, obeying God. It really is that simple.

For example, when Scripture says, “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth” (Ephesians 4:29), we are immediately confronted with a clear instruction. At that moment, we have a choice: continue in old patterns, letting careless words cause damage, or repent and align ourselves with the truth of God's Word.

In our own strength, we may struggle to control our speech to stop cursing, gossiping, or speaking negatively. But with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives within every believer, transformation is possible. It begins with a decision to embrace what God has said rather than ignore it. The Word is enough. Obey what's written.

Rock Solid

It's not only the Word we hear that benefits us but the Word we obey. Jesus said, "Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock" (Matthew 7:24 CEV). Would you like to become rock solid in your faith? Would you like to experience an increase in the wisdom of God in your personal life, family, business, or career? Build your life on the rock of God's Word through hearing and obeying. Faith comes by hearing, but if you do not act on what you hear, nothing will happen. Transformation takes place when we hear and obey.

The storms and challenges of life come to everyone. What determines whether you can withstand them is whether your life is built on the Word, the solid rock, or on something else. Jesus said that anyone who hears His teachings and does not obey them is like a foolish person who builds a house on sand. Even the most beautiful sandcastle, crafted with detail and care, will be flattened when strong waves, wind, and storms hit. But when your life is built on the Word through faith and obedience, the storms may come and the winds may blow, yet you will still be standing, because your foundation is secure in God's Word.

Quick Obedience

Do you want to grow spiritually? Are you hungry for a genuine experience with God and His Word? Start right where you are. When you recognize truth in Scripture, respond with immediate obedience. Transformation doesn't come from good intentions; it comes through action. Train yourself to obey what God reveals to you in His Word. As you do, you'll find that your sensitivity to His leading increases. The more you obey, the more clearly He guides. It all begins with the Word. Read it, meditate on it, study it, and put it into practice. As you do, you will see God move in your life in tangible ways.

Summary

- ◆ **Love Fuels Obedience** - As we deepen our love for Jesus through obedience to His Word, time in prayer, and moments of praise and worship, our desire to please Him grows stronger. Obedience becomes less of a duty and more of a natural response.
- ◆ **Jesus, Our Example** - Jesus was the perfect example of how to love God, and He obeyed His commands completely. He modeled a life of consistent trust, unwavering obedience, and complete confidence in the Father. As disciples of Christ, we must do the same.
- ◆ **Obey What's Written** - God is always speaking through His Word, and our responsibility is to listen and obey. When we align our lives with Scripture, relying on the Holy Spirit, we position ourselves for true transformation. The Word of God is sufficient for both direction and change.
- ◆ **Rock Solid** - Life's storms are inevitable, but stability is not. A life grounded in God's Word through faith and obedience will stand firm, no matter the pressure.
- ◆ **Quick Obedience** - Spiritual growth begins with responding to God's Word in obedience. As we consistently act on what we learn, we become more sensitive to His voice and experience real transformation.

Scriptures

◆ **Matthew 7:24-27**

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.

◆ **John 8:29**

The one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him.

◆ **John 14:15**

If you love me, obey my commandments.

◆ **John 14:30-31**

I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let's be going.

◆ **Ephesians 4:29**

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Talk About It

1. A life grounded in God's Word through faith and obedience will stand firm, no matter the pressure. How have past challenges revealed the strength or weakness of your spiritual foundation?
2. How can you become more intentional about both hearing and obeying God's Word in your daily life?
3. What is one truth from God's Word you feel prompted to obey most quickly in your life right now? What is one practical step you can take this week to act on that truth and begin living it out consistently?

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This week, as you spend time with God in prayer and in His Word, ask Him to reveal areas where obedience is needed. It may be in how you treat others, walking in love, being kind, showing generosity, or confronting negative thought patterns that have taken root. Whatever God reveals to you through His Word, choose to obey.

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*Talk About It - **Preschool/Elementary***

1. What is one way you can listen to Jesus and be kind or helpful to someone today?

2. Name two things Jesus teaches us that you can try to do this week at home or at school.

*Talk About It - **Middle and High School***

1. What is one area in your life where you know what God's Word says but you find it challenging to obey? Why?

2. How can choosing to obey God's Word change the way you respond to real-life situations like friendships, pressure, or conflict?
