

Lessons on Obedience!

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Series: 1 Kings – Lessons from the Journey

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” 1 John 5:3 ESV

Obedience is not a burden but a blessing!

Will I Be Obedient to the Lord?

The Old Prophet

“Now an old prophet lived in Bethel. And his sons came and told him all that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. They also told to their father the words that he had spoken to the king.”
1 Kings 13:11 ESV

“For the Levites left their common lands and their holdings and came to Judah and Jerusalem, because Jeroboam and his sons cast them out from serving as priests of the LORD,” 2 Chronicles 11:14 ESV

“And their father said to them, “Which way did he go?” And his sons showed him the way that the man of God who came from Judah had gone. And he said to his sons, “Saddle the donkey for me.” So they saddled the donkey for him and he mounted it.”
1 Kings 13:12–13 ESV

“And he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak. And he said to him, “Are you the man of God who came from Judah?” And he said, “I am.””
1 Kings 13:14 ESV

The Subtleness of Temptation

“Then he said to him, “Come home with me and eat bread.””
1 Kings 13:15 ESV

“And the man of God said to the king, “If you give me half your house, I will not go in with you. And I will not eat bread or drink water in this place, for so was it commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘You shall neither eat bread nor drink water nor return by the way that you came.’””
1 Kings 13:8–9 ESV

“And he said, “I may not return with you, or go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place, for it was said to me by the word of the LORD, ‘You shall neither eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by the way that you came.’””
1 Kings 13:16–17 ESV

The Costly Compromise

“So he went back with him and ate bread in his house and drank water.”

1 Kings 13:19 ESV

“And as they sat at the table, the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back.”

1 Kings 13:20 ESV

“And he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD and have not kept the command that the LORD your God commanded you, but have come back and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he said to you, “Eat no bread and drink no water,” your body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.’ ””

1 Kings 13:21–22 ESV

Four Perspective on Obedience

1. Expect Temptation

**You must cross through the Valley of Temptation
after summiting the Spiritual Mountain of Obedience**

“And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.””

Matthew 4:2–3 ESV

2. Take My Service for God Seriously

“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”

James 3:1 ESV

3. Look for Genuine Faith in Others

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

1 John 4:1 ESV

4. Live For Jesus with Confidence

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:1–2 ESV

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“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

1 John 5:3–4 ESV