

On Obedience

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Jesus takes our simple obedience and turns it into a miracle for us.

Luke 5:4 KJV - Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

Luke 5:9 KJV - For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken...

Someone has correctly said, “There is a miracle on the other side of your obedience!”

Exodus 14:15-16 KJV - And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry [ground] through the midst of the sea.

On the other side of your decision there is either hidden danger or buried treasure. Choose prayerfully.

Deuteronomy 28:2 KJV - And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

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

There is prolonged pain on the other side of disobedience.

Judges 16:18-21-KJV - And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

There would be rough times on the other side of my rebellion.

Proverbs 13:15 KJV - Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

It's easier to Obey than to Stray.

Deuteronomy 11:27,28 KJV - 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...

Each time I obey, everything gets OK.

John 13:17 KJV - If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

There is a price to pay for an immoral stray.

Proverbs 6:23-35, KJV - For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

Obey today, play tomorrow.

Disobey today, pay tomorrow.

Joshua 5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Obedience is its own reward... bringing peace of mind and a clear conscience before God.

Isaiah 48:18 KJV - O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

O.B.E.Y. = O.verwhelming B.lessings E.nsuuing Y.ou

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 NIV - If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands that I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God...

D.I.S.O.B.E.Y. = D.emons I.nfluencing, S.landering, O.ppressing, & B.adgering Y.ou

1 Samuel 15:23 KJV - For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.