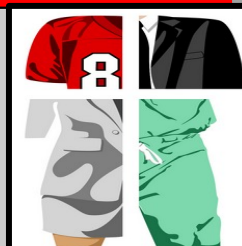


Obedience Today...

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TERMINOLOGY

Playbook = Camp Activities

Training Table = Meals

Weight-in = Time to complete Warm-Up

Team Meeting = General (all)

Film Session = Viewing of Movie on 1st night

Conditioning = Prayer Time/Chapel

Stretching = Praise/Singing

Mini-Camp = Introduction to Camp Theme

1 V 1 = Personal Prayer time, reflection & further review

Huddle Group = Small Group (Position)/Accountability Group

Practice Sessions 1-3 = Lessons

Film Study = Free Time

Cool Down = Prayer Time at the end of day two

Scouting Report = Lead in questions after each practice session

PAT = Personal Action Tasks

Offense = Plan of attack

Defense = Plan for attacks

Pre-game Locker Room = Opportunity for Men to give feedback about weekend & share goals for “the game” & the Winning Drive”.

4th Quarter = Starting Monday & Everyday After That

Game Time = Final Instruction

Victory = Already Achieved through Christ’s Salvation

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WARM-UP PLAYER PROFILE

What are three (3) expectations you have for this weekend?

2. What are three (3) things that you as a man have struggled with this past year?

Choose one thing you want to change in your life?

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Rate Your Obedience our Humility

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| 1. <u>Husband</u> | _____ 0 _____ 5 _____ | 10 |
| 2. <u>Father</u> | 0 _____ 5 _____ 10 | |
| 3. <u>Son</u> | _____ 0 _____ 5 _____ | 10 |
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**Place an (X) where your level of Obedience falls -
10 being the greatest level; 0 being the lowest level



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MINI-CAMP

*What does it mean to be
Obedient?*

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QUESTIONS...?

What does it mean to be Obedient?

2. Where in your life are you completely obedient?

3. What areas of obedience do you need to work on?

4. What gets in the way of your Obedience?

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adj.

: Dutifully complying with the commands, orders, or instructions of one in authority.

So what does it mean to be obedient?

1- **To comply** with or follow the commands, restrictions, wishes, or instructions of: *for example to obey one's parents or to obey God.*

2-- **To submit** or conform in action to (some guiding principle, impulse, one's conscience, etc.) To "submit" means "to put yourself under the authority of another."

3- **To agree** to obey.

to-day

-adverb

1 : on or for this day

2 : at the present time

-noun

: the present day, time, or age

-adjective

: of or characteristic of today : **NOW**

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What Obedience is Not...

It is not slavery to God, or a loss of what is good for “me.” Obedience frees us from sin and keeps us on the best that God has for us. True happiness is not based on what pleases us; rather, it is being in the center of God’s love and will. When we focus on Him, we see that with His Lordship comes more insights, resources, and privileges than we could ever understand. This gives us deeper, richer joy.

When we refuse to obey Him, we just sin and keep on sinning, refusing to submit or acknowledge our sins, hurts, anger, or agendas, or repent from and grow away from them. When we have the maturity to change and grow for the better, seeking and following Him and not our pride or the world’s ways, we will become victorious. Our faith will be firm! We must listen to Him and remove anything that hinders purity in our faith and devotion to Christ.

Obedience is not Willfulness, or having a strong-willed mindset; rather, it is our lining up with His precepts and call. ***It is the self-surrender of our will so we become less in our spirit and more in His Spirit.*** Even in the Old Testament, God was more concerned with people’s trust and obedience than with their offerings and sacrifices. God delights in our obedience. He does not demand it, nor is it required for our salvation. It is something we do because, as the hymn goes, “there is no other way!”

The counterfeit to obedience is creating our own opportunities with the devotion and zeal to go with them. The raging euphoria that sporting events generate is a substitute for the devotion that we should have to our Lord. There is nothing wrong with sporting events and nothing wrong with cheering for them, but why can’t we do that for God? Enthusiasm paves a dangerous path when it refuses to learn and yield to God’s glory.



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A Few Benefits of Obedience...

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In the Bible, an exhortation to Obedience is found in:

Deuteronomy 13: 4; 1 Samuel 15:22; Proverbs 19:16;

Acts 5:29; John 14:14; 15:14; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Hebrews 13:17

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What happens when we do not live out Obedience?

We will be rampaged by disobedience, live our lives in defiance, and be in rebellion to His call and wondrous opportunities. We will, in effect, be ignoring our salvation and what we have been given by Christ; the consequences bring great loss to us. Our focus becomes comfort; we strive to seek personal betterment through careers and money, and when we do not get what we want, we resort to manipulation and greed. Christ's focus is how to sanctify and perfect us, not to just please and pamper us! We have to see how important putting our faith into practice is. If we do not, we will lose out on His opportunities and learning experiences. We will not seek His love and precepts, and thus, will ignore His call. This will produce the rotten fruits that move us to Disobedience, Defiance, and Rebellion. As a result, we will flee from God, and we will just end up doing our own thing. We will have no fear of God; we will do as we please, thus placing ourselves on the paths of chaos, strife, and destruction in all we do in life; this leads to a depressed and disconnected life. We will have no desire to serve Him or do the right thing outside of obligation. We will sin! We will miss out on true intimacy, destroy relationships, hinder growth in ourselves and others, and miss out on maturity and the wonder of His plan.

**What we do not often like to face... is there is punishment
for refusing to obey the Lord:**

Passage Deuteronomy 11:26-28: A Blessing and a Curse

26 "Look, today I set before you a blessing and a curse: 27 **a blessing**, if you **obey** the commands of the LORD your God I am giving you today, 28 and **a curse**, if you **do not obey** the commands of the LORD your God, and you turn aside from the path I command you today by following other gods you have not known.

**The Christian should simply
take God at His Word and know that what
He desires is best for us.**

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Obedience in the Bible

*"Trust and obey for there is no other way,
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."*

Examples of Biblical Obedience

What we do not often like to face... is there is punishment

1- Angels obey the Lord for refusing to obey the Lord:

Passage Deuteronomy 11:26-28 "A Blessing and a Curse" in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." 26 "Look, today I set before you a blessing and a curse: 27 **a blessing**, if you **obey** the commands of the LORD your God I am giving you today, 28 and **a curse**, if you **do not obey** the commands of the LORD your God, and you turn aside from the path I command you today by following other gods you have not known. Heb 10:7 declares, " Then said I, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."

2- Jesus obeyed the Father.
3- Saints are elected unto obedience.
The Christian should simply take God at His Word and know that what He desires is best for us.

1Peter 1:2 says, " Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."



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Examples of Biblical Obedience - con't

4- Noah obeyed the Lord.

Genesis 6:22 verifies that: "Thus did Noah; according to ALL that God commanded him, so did he." All that God instructed him concerning the ark was obey as to the ship itself and also the animals that were taken on board.

5- Abraham obeyed the Lord.

God told him Abraham in Gen. 12:1: " Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee."

6- Caleb obeyed the Lord.

Numbers 32:11-12 says, " Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD."

7- Asa obeyed the Lord.

1Kings 15:11 tells us of Asa and relates that, "Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father." That statement simply suggests that he was obedient to the Lord.

On and on the list could go of people who obeyed the Lord. It could include Elijah, Hezekiah, Josiah, Zerubabel, Joseph, the Wise Men, Zacharias, Paul, the saints at Rome. On and on our list could go of those who were obedient to the Lord.



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MINI-CAMP ACTIVITY

What does it mean to be Obedient?

I. Scouting Report

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II. PAT (Personal Action Task)

Best Offense:

2. Best Defense:

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PRACTICE SESSION #1

Obedience @ Home...

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QUESTIONS...?

How do you demonstrate obedience in your home?

2. What is the primary obstacle that keeps you from practicing obedience in your home?

3. In what family relationship do you need obedience the most?



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OBEDIENCE @ HOME

Christian Obedience

Passage Philippians 2:1-11

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, sharing the same feelings, focusing on one goal. 3 Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. 4 Everyone should look out not [only] for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Christ's Humility and Exaltation

5 Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus,
6 who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage.
7 Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave,
taking on the likeness of men.
And when He had come as a man in His external form,

**8 He humbled Himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death—even to death on a cross.***

9 For this reason God also highly exalted Him
and gave Him the name that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow—
of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth —

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



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OBEDIENCE @ HOME

Wives and Husbands

Passage Ephesians 5:22-33:

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord, 23 for the husband is head of the wife as also Christ is head of the church. He is the Savior of the body.

24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so wives should [submit] to their husbands in everything. 25 **Husbands**, love your wives, just as also Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 to make her holy, cleansing her in the washing of water by the word. 27 He did this to present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and blameless. 28 In the same way, **husbands** should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hates his own flesh, but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, 30 since we are members of His body.

31 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

32 This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.

Children and Parents

Passage Ephesians 6:1-4:

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. 4 And fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



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Session 1 Notes: Obedience at Home...

Take Up Your Cross

*** Passage Mark 8:34-38**

34 Summoning the crowd along with His disciples, He said to them, "If anyone wants to be My follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me and the gospel will save it. 36 For what does it benefit a man to gain the whole world yet lose his life? 37 What can a man give in exchange for his life? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."



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HUDDLE GROUP ACTIVITY

Practice Session #1

“Obedience at Home”

“Humility at Home”

I. Scouting Report

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II. PAT (Personal Action Task)

Best Offense:

Best Defense:

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PRACTICE SESSION #2

Obedience @ Work...

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QUESTIONS...?

1. What do you say or do at work that communicates to others your obedience?
2. In your specific role/position at work, what ways can you demonstrate obedience in your work day for the future?
3. What is one example of obedience that you have modeled in the work place recently?



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OBEDIENCE @ WORK

Judah's King Jehoshaphat

Passage 2 Chronicles 17:1-6

1 His son Jehoshaphat became king in his place and strengthened himself against Israel. 2 He stationed troops in every fortified city of Judah and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim that his father Asa had captured.

3 Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the former ways of his father David. He did not seek the Baals 4 but sought the God of his father and walked by His commands, not according to the practices of Israel. 5 So the LORD established the kingdom in his hand. Then all Judah brought him tribute, and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6 His mind rejoiced in the LORD's ways, and he again removed the high places and Asherah poles from Judah.



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OBEDIENCE @ WORK

Seven Chosen to Serve

Passage Acts 6:1-7

1 In those days, as the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint by the Hellenistic Jews against the Hebraic Jews that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution. 2 Then the Twelve summoned the whole company of the disciples and said, "It would not be right for us to give up preaching about God to wait on tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the preaching ministry." 5 The proposal pleased the whole company. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte from Antioch. 6 They had them stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 So the preaching about God flourished, the number of the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

Passage 2 Chronicles 31:21

In everything that he undertook the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered.



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HUDDLE GROUP ACTIVITY Practice Session #2 “Obedience at Work”

I. Scouting Report

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II. PAT (Personal Action Task)

Best Offense:

Best Defense:

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PRACTICE SESSION #3

Obedience @ Church...

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QUESTIONS...?

1. What does obedience look like in the Church?
2. Why is obedience in the Church essential?
3. In what ways can you help instill obedience in the Church?

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The Conversion of the Ethiopian Official

Passage Acts 8:26-40

26 An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: "Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to desert Gaza." 27 So he got up and went. There was an Ethiopian man, a eunuch and high official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to worship in Jerusalem 28 and was sitting in his chariot on his way home, reading the prophet Isaiah aloud.

29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go and join that chariot."

30 When Philip ran up to it, he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you're reading?"

31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone guides me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the Scripture passage he was reading was this:

He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb is silent before its shearer,
so He does not open His mouth.

33 In His humiliation justice was denied Him.
Who will describe His generation?
For His life is taken from the earth.

34 The eunuch replied to Philip, "I ask you, who is the prophet saying this about—himself or another person?" 35 So Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning from that Scripture.

36 As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, "Look, there's water! What would keep me from being baptized?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart you may." And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 Then he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer. But he went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip appeared in Azotus, and passing through, he was evangelizing all the towns until he came to Caesarea.



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OBEDIENCE @ CHURCH

Exhortations to Godliness

Passage Hebrews 10:19-25:

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that He has inaugurated for us, through the curtain (that is, His flesh); 21 and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts sprinkled [clean] from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. 23 Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, 25 not staying away from our meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

BE A DOER!

Passage James 1:22-25:

22 But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror; 24 for he looks at himself, goes away, and right away forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who acts—this person will be blessed in what he does.

The Great Commission

Passage Matthew 28:16-20:

16 The 11 disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped, but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



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HUDDLE GROUP ACTIVITY Practice Session #3 “Obedience in Church”

I. Scouting Report

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II. PAT (Personal Action Task)

Best Offense:

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THE “*WINNING DRIVE*” QUESTIONS

What have I gained from camp?

2) What am I going to do with what I have learned?

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**As iron sharpens iron, so one man
sharpens another. ~ Proverbs 27:17**

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