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## Daily Devotional - Monday, April 4, 2022 - Obedience: A Learning Process

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[Ephesians 6:1-9](#)

Throughout the Bible, God commands His people to obey Him. But submission doesn't come naturally to us because we're all born with a rebellious spirit. We must be taught to obey the Lord, and we begin to understand how to yield through interactions with people in authority over us.

The most common place for learning obedience is the home. Today's passage tells children to honor and obey their mother and father (Eph. 6:1-2). God planned that our earliest experiences of authority would involve submitting to parents who love and care for us. Through their admonitions and discipline, we learn what it takes to master our rebellious spirit.

At every stage of life, God places us under leaders, whether parents, teachers, coaches, employers, or governing officials ([Romans 13:1-2](#)). Of course, like all of humanity, these people were born into sin, so they'll make mistakes and sometimes treat us unfairly—but they're still His instruments. Whether or not we approve of how we're ruled, people in these roles teach us the value of obedience and the consequences of disobedience.

We often balk at the idea of answering to someone else. But it helps to realize that the ultimate goal is to obey the Lord—and that God's commands are for our good ([Deuteronomy 10:12-13](#)).

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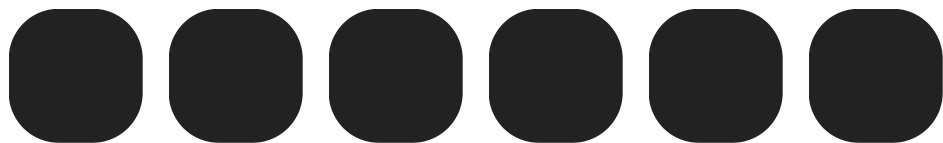
Following God can sometimes feel like a balancing act between a spirit of resolve and a spirit of deference. Consider Abraham, to whom God said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac ... and offer him there as a burnt offering” ([Genesis 22:2](#)). Abraham was so resolute and devoted to God’s instructions that he built an altar, tied Isaac to it, and actually raised a knife over his son’s body. Can you imagine being this sure of God’s plans, even when they appear awful? At the same time, Abraham remained open—the moment the angel of the Lord told him to stop, He yielded.

As believers, we want to remain focused on the Lord's call, and yet we must do so with both flexibility and sensitivity to His voice. By listening and responding to His Spirit, we can be sure we're participating in building His kingdom on earth, no matter what path He chooses for us. At the end of the day, the goal is cling to Him, not to plans themselves.

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[Romans 8:26-31](#)

Have you ever comforted people going through a hard time by reminding them of the marvelous truth of Romans 8:28? Most of us are quick to quote this verse to others, but how often do we claim it for ourselves? What happens when we're the ones going through a difficult season of life?

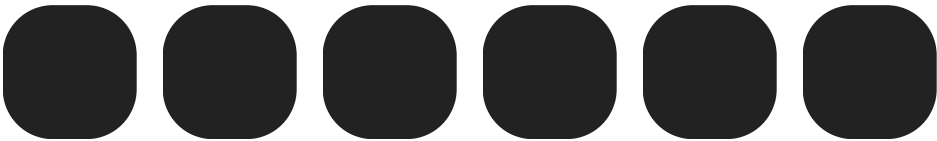
Proclaiming faith in the truths and promises of the Bible is not the same as applying them to our own life in the midst of trying times. It's one thing to know Scripture intellectually, but it's something else to live by faith. And disappointments are great opportunities to put our faith into action. Since God always works them for our benefit, they're actually proof that He loves us. Our heavenly Father actively oversees our lives, and difficulties are one way we're shaped into the likeness of Christ.

We can profit from hard circumstances by growing in faith, wisdom, character, and knowledge of the Lord. Even though God's best may not turn out to be what we hoped or wanted, He has promised to work everything out for our good. It's helpful to remember that He is more interested in the eternal value of our spiritual growth than in our temporary relief from difficulty.

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# Daily Devotional - Thursday, March 31, 2022 - Blessed to Bless Others

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### 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

God's blessings to us are not meant to end with us. His desire is that they flow to others. This principle applies in all areas of life, including finances. Did you know that our heavenly Father has plans for your money?

The Lord graciously provides for our needs and even our wants. But He also wants us to use our money to achieve His plans. And one of His goals is that we share our resources with others.

Just look at His extravagant promise in verse 8 of today's passage: "And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed." Sharing blessings with others will never lead to deprivation. In fact, the Lord promises to increase the harvest of our righteousness and enrich us in everything in response to our generosity. We can never outgive God.

A hoarded blessing won't ever be enjoyed as richly as a shared one. Using your gift to meet someone else's need glorifies God by demonstrating His grace at work in your life. Don't let His generous provisions end with you. Pass them on and discover the joy of a never-ending cycle of blessings.

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[Psalm 34:1-3](#)

Glorifying God isn't limited to church. In fact, praise ought to permeate every area of our life. But how is that done?

One obvious way that we praise the Lord is with our voices. True worship flows from the mouths of believers who are focused on God's attributes. They desire to honor Him because of who He is, what He's done, and what He has promised for the future. Genuine worship allows the Lord to fill our hearts and minds with His presence anywhere.

Our God is also praised when we serve Him. We were created for the purpose of bringing honor and glory to His name. Therefore, nothing should limit our willingness to work for the King, particularly when we have a chance to share Him with others. Christ is honored when His followers speak boldly about His grace and His work—believers' testimonies are a remarkable

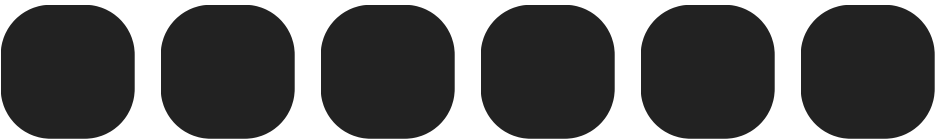
and honoring form of praise that magnifies God's name.

Jesus Christ is worth more than any treasure this world offers. Loving Him and understanding what He has done for us should be all the motivation we need to praise Him with our life—no matter where we are.

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