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“Responding To His Love”

**“If you love Me, keep My commandments.” John 14:15**

John 14 - NIV

**21**Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

**22**Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

**23**Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24**Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the father who sent me.

**28**“You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the father, for the Father is greater than I. **29**I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. **30**I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, **31**but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me. “Come now; let us leave.

**Introduction:**

Looking at these verses from John’ Gospel, where Jesus is talking with His disciples, sharing with them what was about to take place, several themes or subjects stand out.

1 \_\_Love\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2: \_My teaching / Command\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3: \_Relationships\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4: \_Obey\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

An important element in our relationship with GOD is our Obedience as a response to his love. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

How do you define the word: \_\_Obedience means following instructions and doing what is asked of you to do. In the spiritual realm, it means to obey God and follow his commandments. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The world defines it in a negative connotation- Today it is seen as “a forced, unwilling decision to do something we don’t want to do because we’re afraid of punishment.” (Rick Warren 365 Daily Devotion-You Version Bible App; Day 320) \*

 The Bible sees this word much differently. The Biblical view of obedience is:

\_Love\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Trust\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_Action\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GOD wants us to see obedience to Him as a relationship of love, and not about how afraid or fearful we are of Him. And this fear of Him is not the same as the fear or reverence we show to Him, when we honor Him for who He is. Certainly, we must be humbled and respectful in the presence of an Almighty, powerful GOD, and be fully aware that without His endless, and bountiful grace and mercy we would be consumed! Yes, He’s holy, and just and righteous, but He is also forgiving, and compassionate and loving. He loves us and wants us to know that love and be able to return our love to Him.

**Part 2**

1. Lamentations 3:22 \_\_\_We need to be respectful Of God. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. 1 John 2:5 \_Whoever, keep his word, love him and he is abiding in you. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Romans 8:37-39 \_ I will let nothing separate me from the love of God. His love is eternal, because he loves us, we love him. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. 1 John 5:2-3 \_This love is to spread out to others, God’s everlasting love. We must obey God’s commands. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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So, we see that obedience starts with love – “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” John 14:15

The second part to our obedience after love is trust. When we love someone, we eventually will also trust them. Trust is, according to Oxford’ dictionary: “firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.” Most assuredly we can trust GOD! For He is the GOD! He has proven His love for us, He has shown us He cares, He has provided and sustained us through out our days. He is certainly trustworthy and faithful.

1. Psalm 143:8 \_\_We can trust him for unfailing love.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Deuteronomy 7:9 \_He is faithful to keep his covenant of love forever for those who love him and keep his commands. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Psalm 33:4 \_The word of the Lord is true and right. He stands on his word and is faithful. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. John 3:16 \_\_God loves us so greatly and he made a way of salvation for us through his son, Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Out of GOD’s love for us, comes our trust of Him, which in turn leads to the 3rd component of biblical obedience, and that is action. “If you trust what GOD is saying to you, and you believe that He loves you, then that will lead to action.” \*

Many biblical writers talked about having a love for GOD and not showing it to others. “But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?” 1 John 3:17

Jesus told us to love GOD with all our heart, mind and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. So, if we are to love GOD, then we must show forth that love to others, not in mere words but in deeds. We see then that love is an action word! GOD, Himself showed us love in action, when He sent His Son, Jesus, to redeem mankind from the penalty of sin, to save us. He gave!

Jesus also showed us examples on many occasions of responding to GOD’s love. Look at John 14:31, where He shares with His disciples the reason, He is doing what He is doing: **that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me. “**

1. 1 John 3:18. \_\_Let us love in words and deeds. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Galatians 5:13-14 \_\_We have freedom but not to pursue our own needs. We are to show love to others. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Galatians 6:10 \_\_When there is an opportunity, give to others by availing yourself

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1. John 15:10 \_\_If you love me, you will obey me, keep my commandments and love others. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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“The Bible teaches that obedience is an expression of love for God. It's not a difficult duty, but rather an overflow of gratitude for what God has done. And just as obedience is the expression of love, love is also the motivation for obedience. Obedience is not the opposite of love, but rather a core part of love. When we truly love someone, we desire to please them and make them happy. We follow their instructions, not because we are forced to, but because we love them and want to do what is right by them. In the same way, when we love God, we follow His commands because we desire to please Him and show our love towards Him.” (April 23, 2023 Internet article: Love and Obedience: Exploring the Biblical Relationship Between the Two)