

Discipleship Class - Obedience over feelings

A disciple doesn't follow Jesus only when he or she feels good, looks safe, or makes sense. A disciple follows Jesus because _____—period.

Why this lesson is so life-changing

- Feelings change _____. **Truth doesn't.**
- Convenience is a terrible _____. **Christ is the compass.**
- God often grows us most in the places we'd naturally _____.

Key Scriptures (NKJV)

- **Luke 9:23** — “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny _____, and take up his cross daily, and follow _____.”
- **John 14:15** — “If you love Me, keep My _____.”
- **James 1:22** — “But be doers of the word, and not _____ only...”
- **Matthew 7:24** — “Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them... I will liken him to a _____ man...”
- **Philippians 2:13** — “For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good _____.”

3 Discipleship Truths to Remember

1. **Jesus didn't call us to _____ Him—He called us to _____ Him.**
2. **Delayed obedience is still _____.**
3. **Obedience is how love gets _____ (Love isn't just a feeling—love _____)**

Remember this:

Sometimes Jesus will ask you to do something that stretches you—not to punish you, but to _____ you. Because He loves you too much to leave you the _____.

Holy Highlights

1. **Obedience is proof of** _____.
When we obey Jesus, we're not earning love—we're responding to love. (John 14:15)
2. **God will strengthen what He** _____.
If Jesus asks you to do it, He will also empower you to live it out. (Philippians 2:13)
3. **Your "yes" to God will** _____ **others.**
Obedience isn't just personal growth—it becomes someone else's breakthrough.
4. **Delayed obedience steals** _____.
When you finally obey, peace often follows—because your heart lines up with God's will.
5. **Obedience produces spiritual** _____.
Cross-carrying makes strong disciples. Comfort makes weak ones. (Luke 9:23)

Wisdom Nuggets to Remember

1. **Feelings are like the** _____ **—faith is your** _____.
2. **If you wait until you feel ready, you may never** _____.
3. **Obedience is the seed... and peace is often the** _____.
4. **God's commands are not heavy—they're** _____.
5. **A disciple doesn't follow Jesus occasionally—he follows Him** _____.
6. **When obedience is hard, remember: Jesus is** _____ **it.**

Questions

1. **What is a disciple?** A disciple is a follower and _____ of Jesus who lives to obey Him, not just admire Him. (Luke 9:23)
2. **Why is obedience more powerful than feelings?** Because feelings _____, but God's truth stays the same—and disciples live by _____. (James 1:22)
3. **What does it mean to “deny yourself”?** It means saying “no” to your flesh and “yes” to _____—even when it's inconvenient. (Luke 9:23)
4. **What does “take up your cross daily” mean?** Choosing God's will daily—dying to selfish _____, staying faithful, and following Jesus consistently. (Luke 9:23)
5. **How do I know if I'm obeying or just agreeing with the Bible?** Agreement says, “That's true.” _____ says, “I will do it.” (Matthew 7:24)
6. **What happens when I obey even when I don't feel like it?** God builds spiritual _____, your faith grows, and your life produces _____. (Galatians 5:22–23)
7. **What if I fail in obedience? Does God give up on me?** No. God corrects, _____ and strengthens you. A disciple gets back up and keeps _____ (Proverbs 24:16)
8. **What is one simple way to start walking in obedience today?** Obey the next thing God already _____ you—one step, one “yes,” one act of _____. (John 14:15)

Here are 8 must-know definitions every disciple should have in their toolbox (clear, simple, and powerful):

1. Disciple

A committed follower of Jesus who learns from Him and lives to obey Him daily (not just believe in Him _____).

2. **Lordship**

Jesus being the true Leader and _____ over your life—your choices, priorities, and obedience are submitted to Him.

3. **Repentance**

A heart-and-life change: turning away from _____ and turning toward God, choosing His ways over your _____ ways.

4. **Salvation**

God rescuing you by grace through faith in Jesus—saving you from sin and bringing you into _____ with Him.

5. **Grace**

God's unearned favor and divine help—His power working in you to forgive, _____, and strengthen you to live for _____

6. **Sanctification**

The lifelong process of becoming more like Jesus—God cleaning, shaping, and growing you as you _____ with Him.

7. **Faith**

Trusting God's Word and character enough to act on it—
_____ that moves your feet, not just your
_____.

8. **Obedience**

Responding to God's Word with _____—doing what Jesus says because you love Him and trust Him, even when it's hard.

My Encouragement to my bible besties...

Disciple of Jesus—**your obedience is not small**. Every time you choose truth over feelings, God is shaping you into someone steady, strong, and fruitful. The enemy loves “later,” but Heaven loves **today**. If Jesus said “follow Me,” that means He's already gone ahead of you—and He will not ask you to carry anything without giving you grace to carry it.

So take that next _____.
Even if your knees shake.

Even if your emotions yell.
Even if it's not cute and _____.

Because **obedience is where disciples become dangerous (in the best way!)**—and your life becomes a living _____ that Jesus is Lord.

Guided Prayer

“Lord Jesus, I choose obedience over convenience. Help me deny myself, take up my cross daily, and follow You with a steady heart. Teach me to do Your Word, not just know it. Amen.”

Notes:

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