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## **B2-C02-S01 - The Power of Names**

During a time of prayer and meditation, the Holy Spirit began to show me something that will come up in the future. He was preparing me for a conversation that will happen one day. I could hear the words clearly in my spirit, as if someone was saying, “How can you say that the name Jesus has no power? The name Jesus has the power of God, and I have seen it. We have seen people healed, prayers answered, and miracles happen in that same name of Jesus. We have even cast out demons in that name and watched people throw up and be delivered. How can you dare to say that the name Jesus has no power?”

The Spirit revealed the truth behind that statement before the conversation ever happened. Every name has power, every single one, but not all power is the same. Power depends on what stands behind the name, who gave it, what has been accomplished through it, and what authority it carries.

A business owner’s name has power because of his position in the company. Employees move when his name is mentioned. A judge’s name has power through law and judgment. An attorney’s name has power through persuasion and legal authority. A doctor’s name carries power through knowledge and trust. Even a friend’s name holds power through love and loyalty.

So yes, every name has power, but the question is what kind of power, and who gave it.

This same question applies to the authority of pastors. What kind of power do they truly have when they baptize in a name? Was that authority given directly by God through His Spirit and revelation? Was it passed through someone who had been

appointed and anointed by God? Or did it come from school, from a degree, or from religious tradition? Because the Spirit of God does not operate through education or title but through divine appointment. Christ told His apostles, “Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them, and whose soever ye retain, they are retained.” (John 20:23). That was not given to men of title, but to those filled and chosen by the Holy Spirit.

The true Name of the Christ was given by God the Father Himself. Heaven placed divine power, eternal authority, and covenant meaning within that Name. Every healing, every deliverance, and every baptism the apostles performed was done through that Name, the Name Heaven gave, not man. That is why it carries the full identity of the Father within the Son. It is not a translation. It is revelation.

The name “Jesus” also carries power, but not the kind people think. It has power because Satan gave it influence. He allows emotion, miracles, and answered prayers attached to it, not because it carries God’s authority, but because it keeps people bound to a counterfeit comfort. He lets people believe they are walking in holiness while never entering true covenant.

We must not forget that Satan has real power in this world, but it is temporary and limited. When he tempted Christ in the wilderness, he offered all the kingdoms of the world, saying, “All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them, for it is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will I give it.” That statement reveals a frightening truth. Satan was not bluffing. He truly has power to distribute influence, wealth, and success in this world to those willing to live under his system.

He can reward religious works, bless efforts that appear good, and even answer prayers when it serves his deception. Many people mistake that for the blessing of God when in reality it is the counterfeit approval of Satan.

But even with that, we must never take the power of our Creator out of the picture. Satan can only do what God allows him to do. He cannot move one inch beyond the boundary the Father sets. The story of Job proves this truth. Satan was able to touch Job's life, family, and possessions, but only within the limits God permitted. The same principle still stands today. When prayers or miracles appear to be answered by Satan, it is only because God has allowed it to happen. And as Scripture says, "All things work together for good to them that love God." (Romans 8:28). Nothing happens outside His control, and even what the enemy intends for deception, God can use to expose truth and draw His people closer to Him.

That is Satan's strategy, to keep people convinced they are saved while still outside the gate of heaven. Satan does not care if you live a clean life, go to church, give to the poor, or speak about love. He would rather see people live holy lives built on a false foundation than see them discover the truth that would save them. His goal has never been to make people wicked; his goal is to keep them deceived.

That is why many who pray in the name "Jesus" still see things happen, because Satan can answer prayer when it serves his purpose. God, being just, allows it through free will, because we are praying according to what we have chosen to believe, not according to the truth He revealed.

So, the real question is not whether the name “Jesus” has power. The question is who gave that power, and for what purpose.

The only Name that carries Heaven’s covenant authority is the Name the Father gave, the Name that declares “YHWH is salvation.” Through that Name alone comes remission, sealing, and true salvation.

Satan will always offer a version that looks holy but stops short of heaven. That is why truth must be proven, not assumed. The Name that carries salvation is not the one the world promotes, but the one Heaven confirmed.

### **The Same Deception Through Modern Bibles**

This same counterfeit pattern exists in the modern translations of Scripture. Many “New Age” or modern Bibles remove or weaken key covenant words that the King James Version preserved. The most dangerous change is the removal of the word “remission.” Modern versions often replace it with “forgiveness.”

Forgiveness is emotional; remission is covenantal. Forgiveness comforts the mind; remission cleanses the soul. Remission is what joins the believer to the blood and covenant through baptism in the true Name. Without remission, there is no sealing. Without sealing, there is no covenant.

That single change has cost millions their salvation. Studies and prayerful analysis have shown that using a modern translation carries roughly an 85 percent risk of missing full salvation, with only a 13–18 percent chance of ever discovering the full truth through revelation alone. In other words, most will believe, feel saved, and live religious lives but never enter covenant because the foundation itself was altered.

My heart grieves for those who never test what they are taught. Many live their whole lives convinced they are following Christ while holding to words and names Heaven never gave. They read, sing, and pray, yet never verify the truth of the covenant for themselves. The result is not only personal loss but the loss of countless souls who follow their example.

This is why the Spirit cries out with urgency. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. We are called to work while it is still day, to expose the deception before the night comes when no man can work. If we truly love God, we must labor to reveal His truth, not out of pride or argument, but out of compassion for those who are walking blindfolded toward destruction.

This revelation was not given to me for my understanding alone, but as preparation for the conflict that is coming. The world will soon defend the false name and the false accreditation with passion, emotion, and testimony. They will point to healings, answered prayers, and deliverances as proof of truth, not realizing that deception can produce the same results when God permits it. They will also defend their position by saying, “God understands our hearts.” But understanding is not approval. The Word shows that God knows the heart, but He does not justify disobedience because of it. In Genesis 6:5, God saw that “every imagination of the thoughts of man’s heart was only evil continually.” Jeremiah 17:9–10 says, “The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways.” And Romans 2:5–8 warns that God will render to every man according to his deeds, not according to his intentions. So even though He understands our hearts, that does not make what we do acceptable in His sight.

This coming conflict will separate those who follow the Spirit of Truth from those who follow tradition. Every believer must be ready to stand firm, to test every name, every power, and every miracle against the Word and the Spirit. Only those who hold to the true Name and covenant will endure when the world's illusion of faith begins to crumble.

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## **B3-C02-S01 - How much is God worth?**

Very often I have found myself asking the Lord what I could do, what I should do, what I should say. There were days the Lord gave me a word of encouragement, and everyone seemed to enjoy those words. Many times, He gave me lessons from scripture, and other times He directed me to specific passages. But the root of my question toward YHWH (our God) has always been this: how can I love Him more? How can I have perfect faith toward Him? How can I become what He created and purposed me to be, so I could bless others and help them see and understand who He truly is?

There was a day when He gave me a question to work on, a question that we all truly need to think about, process, and meditate upon. It connected to another question my soul had asked a couple of weeks earlier, and that question was: what do I truly want? Do I want a godly life, a worldly life, or a balanced life? The first answer that popped into my head was a balanced life. I imagine that would still be the same answer most people would give today. Yet as I sat and pondered, the question became more complicated. There has always been more underneath the surface of every “simple” question.

And here is where the Lord pressed the truth deeper. What does a “balanced life” really mean? Can there be such a thing when it comes to the gospel?

In the world, balance is often spoken of as dividing our time, desires, and efforts so that nothing overtakes the other. But in Christ, we should all know by now that there can be no balance with sin. You cannot balance lies with truth. You cannot balance drunkenness with sobriety. You cannot balance lust with holiness.

Light and darkness cannot share the same space. Paul asked it plainly: “What communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15).

But, what about time? To live and have a balanced time? To try to live in balance between the ways of the world and the way of God is to live divided, and a divided heart will always be unstable. That is why Christ said, “No man can serve two masters” (Matthew 6:24).

Time is the one thing we can never buy back. Money can be earned again, possessions can be replaced, and opportunities may return in another form, but every moment that passes is gone forever.

When we give our time to the world, to pleasure, or to sin, we are not just losing hours, we are stealing them from God, who gave us breath and days to glorify Him. In truth, every second belongs to Him, yet how often do we treat our time as if it were ours to spend however we wish?

And here lies the greater deception; Even on the one-day God specifically set apart as holy, the Sabbath, the flesh still seeks to rob Him. God calls it His day, yet the flesh calls it wasted time. God says it is a delight, yet the flesh says it is a burden. Instead of resting in Him, worshipping Him, and rejoicing in His presence, many use the Sabbath for their own pleasure, or treat the hours as interruptions to their routine. In doing so, the flesh steals what God set apart for Himself.

The Sabbath exposes where our hearts truly are. Do we see it as God’s time, or do we still claim it as our own? Every hour spent chasing our own will while claiming to honor His is proof that our time is divided. And a divided time always leads to a divided heart.

Beloved, time is not just a measurement of hours and days, it is the very fabric of our obedience. To spend time with God is to invest in eternity. To spend it on the flesh is to throw away what can never be returned. Paul exhorted us: “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16). If we truly believe His Kingdom is of greater worth than all else, then our time must reflect that belief.

Many believe they can balance worldly attachments with following Christ, but discipleship demands total surrender. Just thinking of letting go of lying, cursing, or immorality keeps many from truly accepting God. They say, “God gets in the way of enjoying life,” but in reality, these attachments keep them in bondage and blind them to who God really is. A balanced life is a myth. You cannot balance holiness with rebellion. To be chosen means you are set apart, and that separation will cost you. And the disciple’s life is not one of partial commitment, but of complete surrender. Whatever you own, owns you. A man cannot be attached to both Christ and the things of this world.

A divided life is not balance; it is bondage. In Him there is no negotiating how much we keep back for ourselves. The call is all or nothing. Christ compared discipleship to building a tower and to going to war, because both require counting the cost before starting, and both demand endurance until the end.

I did not go into all the details back then, because the details are already found throughout the entirety of the salvation series studies stored with Zion’s Roar archives and available for all to read. As much as I have wanted to help, guide, and make it easier for everyone to see, to learn, to understand, and to love God, there is still a part of the good works that God commands us in 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Timothy 3:16–17 that I cannot do for anyone

else. Human nature has always shown that humanity tend not to value what it's received freely from others as much as when they work hard to attain it. Perhaps that is part of why Paul wrote, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).

This brought me to another thought: why are we so stingy toward God? In the book of Malachi, God said He would rather the temple doors be shut than for the people to continue bringing meaningless offerings, injured, crippled, blemished, or diseased animals burned on useless fires (Malachi 1:10–13). Even worse, the people considered their gifts and service to Him to be a burden. And is this not how many people today treat the Sabbath?

God calls it a delight: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable" (Isaiah 58:13). Yet for many, it still feels like an interruption, a heavy command, or even an inconvenience.

Why is this?

It is because the flesh sees rest in God as wasted time when it could be pursuing its own pleasures, and because without the Spirit, obedience will always feel like restriction instead of freedom.

But for the chosen, what feels like a burden is actually preparation. God sets them apart, strips away distractions, and trains them to walk a different path. Whatever the soul resists from the flesh, it embraces through the Spirit. When the soul delights in God, the Sabbath becomes a joy and you look forward to it. When the soul is divided, it becomes a burden.

Commitment is proven in the heart. God calls us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:36–38). When obedience feels like a burden, it is because the heart has not fully surrendered. To those who love Him, obedience is joy. To those still clinging to self, obedience feels like loss.

And involvement itself is part of that obedience. Involvement in service, evangelism, giving, and exhorting one another is the very evidence of living faith. To profess that we know God but deny Him in works is to live as reprobates (Titus 1:16). Faith without works is dead (James 2:17–26). Involvement is required to maintain salvation, and when our service becomes stingy or reluctant, we reveal that our hearts are still divided. (Study 50)

Christ spoke about the cost of being His disciple in (Luke 9:57–62), and in Matthew’s Gospel He gave the parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44–46) to show how valuable the kingdom of God is.

This has never been about money, though giving has its place. This is about giving God our hearts, our time, our thoughts, and our very lives.

Is His Kingdom worth giving up sleep to spend time with the King each morning?

Is it worth turning off the television to read His Word to your children?

Is it worth more than seeing them excel in sports or dance?

Is God your heart’s first desire, or your seventh, or your thirtieth?

Beloved, my toes are throbbing too, but the question still stands: what is God worth to you?

God cannot be priced. He cannot be bought or sold. The very thought of attaching a number to His worth feels out of place, because the entire universe and existence itself belong to Him. He created it, He sustains it, and He has it all planned out for it. All that we see and all that exists belongs to God. As a matter of fact, all that will also come into existence will also belong to God as His creation. There is no market that could purchase what He owns, no price that could ever measure His worth. His worth is 100% plus 7 times 77 of everything that ever has been, is now, and ever will be.

Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the Word. Let us hold fast to who we are in Christ and let us never grow stingy toward the God who has given us everything.

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## **B2-C03-S03- Examine Yourself for an Indwelling: Do Not Build Your Walk on a Moment**

There is a question that many quietly carry but rarely face with honesty:

If you say you love God, why do you keep returning to the very things He has already shown you to leave behind?

And beneath that is an even deeper struggle. Why do you still feel unforgiven at times? Why does pride keep rising? Why does change seem so difficult even after years of believing?

Before you try another method or another burst of effort, there is a command that cannot be skipped.

You must examine yourselves to see whether you are truly in the faith.

That command is not written to outsiders. It is written to people who already believe they belong to God. The purpose is not to comfort assumptions, but to test what is real.

Because the issue is not how hard you try. The issue is whether the Holy Ghost truly dwells within you.

It is possible to agree with doctrine, attend gatherings, serve, give, and even feel conviction, and still not have the Spirit of God living inside. When the Spirit is not truly present, change becomes a cycle of effort and collapse. You try, you improve for a while, you fall, you feel shame, and then you begin again. The pattern repeats because the nature underneath has never been made new.

When the Holy Ghost truly dwells within a person, something deeper than behavior begins to shift. Desires change. Sin no

longer feels normal. What once felt comfortable begins to trouble the conscience. You may still stumble, but you cannot live at peace with what once ruled you.

Many have been taught to measure their salvation by a moment they once experienced. A night they cried. A service where they felt overwhelmed. A time when God seemed very near.

But an experience with the Holy Ghost is not the same as the Holy Ghost dwelling within you. A moment can be real and still not be conversion.

The Spirit of God can move around a person without permanently dwelling within that person. A visitation is not the same as a habitation.

Consider Paul. He encountered the Lord on the road to Damascus in a way few people ever have. He saw the light, heard the voice, and spoke directly with Him. Yet after that moment he was left blind, fasting, and waiting. Days later he was still instructed to arise, be baptized, and have his sins washed away. The encounter was real, but it was the beginning of obedience, not the proof that everything was complete.

The question is not whether something spiritual has ever happened to you. The question is whether your life has come under a new Master.

If the Holy Ghost truly dwells within you, your relationship with sin will not remain the same. You may fall, but you will not settle. Conviction returns. Resistance grows. The old life stops feeling like home.

**First Examination:** Has the Indwelling Truly Happened?

Do not answer quickly. Answer honestly.

Did your turning to God include true repentance, not only regret, but a decision to leave the old life behind?

Did you openly confess Christ as Lord, not only with words, but with the surrender of your authority over your own life?

Were you baptized with water as an act of obedience, understanding it was connected to the remission of your past sins rather than treated as a casual symbol?

At that moment, did you call upon the Lord with intention, asking Him to cleanse and receive you?

Immediately after your baptism, was prayer made over you and were hands laid on you for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost as part of the same covenant moment?

Are you certain that the person who performed the baptism had been appointed by God, or at least sent under the authority of someone appointed by God, and understood that this act was connected to the remission of your past sins?

This matters because no person has power in themselves to forgive sins. Only God forgives. Yet Christ entrusted His servants with the responsibility to carry out the covenant act through which God grants that one time remission. If the one performing the baptism did not understand or was not sent with that responsibility, the moment may have been treated as a ceremony rather than an act of obedience joined with faith.

Was this done with clear purpose, not tradition, not pressure, but faith joined with obedience?

Afterward, has there been evidence that your life is no longer under the same master it once served?

Do you now experience ongoing conviction when you move toward sin rather than comfort in it?

If you are not one hundred percent certain that the indwelling truly happened, or that your baptism was carried out according to what God has commanded, there is no reason to delay correcting it. There is no shame in doing it again. It is better to settle the foundation than to defend a moment that may not have been complete.

**Second Examination:** If the Foundation Is Certain, Examine Your Obedience

If you are truly certain that you received the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, then another question must be faced.

Are you walking in the faith of obedience?

If the Spirit of God lives within you, yet your life still feels trapped in cycles of shame, pride, compromise, or distance, then the issue is no longer the foundation. The issue is resistance.

What is hindering the work of the Holy Ghost in your life?

Where are you resisting conviction?

What have you allowed to remain that God has already told you to remove?

Why does righteousness feel difficult while old habits still feel familiar?

The Spirit does not fail in His work. When growth stops, it is not because He has weakened. It is because something is being protected that should have been surrendered.

Sometimes the obstacle is hidden sin that has been justified.

Sometimes it is unforgiveness that hardens the heart.

Sometimes it is divided loyalty, wanting God's promises without yielding full control.

And many times, the obstacle is pride.

Not loud pride. Quiet pride.

The kind that says, "I was already baptized. I do not need to do that again."

The kind that protects a past moment instead of testing whether it was truly done according to what God required.

The kind that trusts a person's sincerity instead of verifying obedience to the Word.

The kind that worries more about what others will say than about whether God was truly obeyed.

This is the pride that keeps people standing outside the door while believing they are already inside.

If there is doubt about the beginning, humility corrects it. Pride defends it.

If you are unwilling to reexamine your foundation because it would be uncomfortable, embarrassing, or misunderstood by others, then people's opinions have more authority over you than truth.

God is not offended when someone humbles himself and says, "I need to make sure this was done right." But the Spirit is resisted when a person senses conviction and still refuses to move because of reputation, tradition, or fear.

So, the question becomes direct.

Are you protecting your image, or are you protecting your soul?

Are you defending a memory, or are you willing to obey God even if it costs your pride?

If the Holy Ghost truly dwells within you, then obedience will always be more important than appearance.

If the foundation is real, then alignment must follow.

Remove what grieves the Spirit.

Respond immediately to conviction.

Do not negotiate with what God has already judged.

Do not excuse what He has already commanded you to leave.

First, make sure the Spirit truly dwells within you.

Then make sure nothing in your life is resisting His rule.

Because a correct foundation without obedience produces frustration, and obedience without a true foundation produces

exhaustion. When both stand together, the life God promised begins to grow from the inside out.

## **The Verdict of Scripture**

There is a warning in Scripture that many read but few allow to judge them.

Titus 1:16 says, “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

This is not written about open unbelievers. It is written about people who claim to know God. The charge is not that they spoke the wrong words, but that their lives contradicted what their mouths declared. They professed Him, yet their works denied Him.

In the sight of God, this condition is not described as weakness or normal human failure. It is described as abominable because it is built on self-deception. Scripture is not speaking about someone who hates their sin and is fighting to overcome it. It is speaking about a person who continues in what God has already condemned while convincing themselves that they still belong to Him. That is not humility, and it is not brokenness. It is a lie a person tells their own soul.

God does not call this a struggle. He calls it disobedience. When someone knows what He has judged and still chooses to remain in it, their profession becomes empty. They may say they know God, but their life proves they are still serving another master.

This is why the language is severe. A person can speak the right words, hold the right memories, and still be spiritually deceived.

They believe they are safe while their life is moving in the opposite direction of God's authority.

The verse continues and calls such a person disobedient and reprobate. Disobedient is not confusion or lack of knowledge. It is the will refusing to submit even after truth is known. Reprobate means rejected after testing, examined and found unapproved, like metal placed in the fire and proven to be impure. The verdict of Scripture is clear. A person may speak as if they know God, yet when their life is examined, they do not pass the test.

This exposes another deception that has spread widely. Salvation is not a moment that removes all responsibility afterward. The gospel of Christ does not teach that once a person is saved, nothing that follows can place them in danger. Salvation is truly received, but it must also be maintained through continued faith and obedience until the end of one's life.

If a person were to receive the remission of sins and the indwelling of the Holy Ghost and then die immediately, that person would enter into life because their standing was clean at that moment. But if that same person continues living for many years, their life must remain under the rule they once confessed. Salvation is not proven only at the beginning. It is proven by endurance.

At the end of life, every person will stand before God and be judged according to their works. This does not mean that good deeds purchase salvation, but that a life reveals which authority it truly followed. The works a person practices show whether they obeyed what God asked of them or whether they continued in what He condemned. There are works that come from submission to God, and there are works that come from rebellion against

Him. One leads toward life, the other toward rejection. A person is not judged by what they once claimed to believe, but by the pattern their life proved. The final judgment will expose whether your life obeyed God or only spoke about Him.

Self-deception is dangerous because it feels like peace while leading to destruction. If a person remains in that state until death, still claiming to know God while refusing to submit to what He has already commanded, that person will be cast out. The tragedy is not ignorance. The tragedy is believing you belong to Him while your life proves you never surrendered to His rule.

God does not judge by what someone once claimed. He judges by what their life proved. The verdict is not based on profession, but on whether the life stands approved when it is tested.

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## **B3-C01-S03 - The Warning Hidden in the Obedience of Demons and the Gift of Free Will.**

Brothers and sisters, there is a truth we must understand if we want to walk in the power and purity God calls us to. Matthew reminded us that the demons believe and tremble. That statement is not given to compare us to them. It is given to warn us that belief without obedience and repentance has no saving power.

Demons do not love God, yet they obey when He speaks. This does not mean demons lack free will. Satan chose rebellion by his own will. The angels who followed him chose it by their own will. Their fall was the result of their decision, not because they lacked the freedom to choose otherwise. They still have free will today, yet when the command of God confronts them directly, they cannot resist His authority. Their will is free, but His authority is absolute.

Look at Job. Satan could not touch Job until God permitted it. In Job 1:12 God allowed him to strike Job's possessions but commanded that he could not touch Job's body. Satan obeyed the boundary exactly. In Job 2:6 God permitted him to strike Job's health but commanded that he could not take Job's life. Again, Satan obeyed the boundary. His will was free. His fear of God's authority forced him to stay within the limits God set. Even the ruler of darkness trembles before the command of the Almighty.

We see the same pattern in the Gospels. Demons begged Christ for permission in Mark 5:7 to 13 before they moved. In Luke 4:33 to 35 they left the man the moment Christ commanded. In Matthew 8:31 to 32 they asked to enter the pigs and waited until He said Go. They did not obey because they loved Him. They

obeyed because the fear of the Lord is real, and His authority cannot be resisted when He speaks.

This is the warning to the ministry. Demons have free will, but they obey when confronted with the authority of God. Believers claim to love God, yet many resist His commands even though they carry the same authority that demons fear. Demons tremble before the Holy One. Many believers no longer tremble at all.

The fear of the Lord is the dividing line. Demons fear God but do not repent. Their fear is terror, not surrender. Their obedience is forced, not willing. They believe, but their belief produces nothing but dread. In contrast, the fear of the Lord for the believer is holy reverence. It produces repentance. It produces obedience that comes from the heart. It produces humility, transformation, and a desire to honor the God who saved us.

Free will is the place where salvation is proven. God does not remove our ability to choose. He calls us to use our will to surrender to His. Satan used his will to rebel. Demons used their will to follow him. Every believer must use their will to follow Christ and crucify the sin that resists Him. Saving faith is not forced obedience. It is the willing obedience that flows from the fear of the Lord and the love of His truth.

This is why belief alone is not salvation. Demons believe. Demons tremble. Demons obey when He speaks directly. Yet they are condemned because they refuse repentance and refuse surrender. Their free will chooses rebellion even while their fear forces obedience when confronted with God's command.

Many today confuse obedience by feeling with obedience by faith. They say within themselves, "I cannot obey that command

because it feels forced,” as if the authority of God must first be measured by the comfort of their emotions.

But obedience does not begin with agreement. It begins with surrender. When we obey only what we agree with, we are not following God. We are following ourselves.

God never asked us to feel that His commandments were convenient. He asked us to keep them because we love Him. Love does not wait for comfort. Love chooses obedience even when the flesh resists. If our obedience depends on our mood, our comfort, or our understanding, then our obedience is still self-centered, not God-centered.

Demons obey when God commands, yet their obedience is without love. Many believers disobey when God commands, because they obey only when they feel like it.

Both reveal hearts disconnected from true love.

To God, obedience without love is forced fear, and love without obedience is empty talk.

When a person says, “I do not want to obey because it feels like I am losing my free will,” they have already chosen rebellion. God does not see that as confusion. He sees it as lack of love. Because love, in His eyes, is proven only through obedience, especially when it costs us our will.

So, what does this say to us? It says that a believer who claims faith yet refuses obedience is walking beneath the level of obedience shown by the very spirits that oppose Heaven. It says our issue is not the absence of free will. Our issue is the absence of the fear of the Lord. Without the fear of the Lord, free will

becomes the doorway to rebellion. With the fear of the Lord, free will becomes the doorway to holiness.

Let every person examine themselves. If God speaks through His Word and we resist Him, then the problem is not confusion. The problem is that we have not allowed the fear of the Lord to shape our choices. The ministry cannot walk in power without walking in obedience. And obedience cannot exist without surrendering our will to His.

But here is the hope. God does not turn away the heart that responds. He restores. He cleanses. He changes the will. He gives strength to obey. He teaches us to fear Him in a way that brings life, peace, and holiness.

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## **B3-C03-S01 -Discipleship Commitment and Accountability**

Brothers and sisters,

When we accepted the call to follow Christ, we accepted more than forgiveness. We accepted a covenant of commitment. True discipleship is not simply believing in Him; it is belonging entirely to Him. It is surrendering our rights, our comforts, and even our attachments, and living as those who are fully available to His will.

Christ said, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24) The cross is not a symbol of convenience. It is a choice of death to self. To follow Christ is to choose obedience even when it costs something. It is to say no to the flesh, no to comfort, and yes to the will of the Father.

Many are drawn to Christ’s teachings, but few remain when the cost becomes personal. He warned that before calling ourselves His disciples, we must count the cost. He said that whoever builds a tower must first see if he has enough to finish it. In the same way, we must examine whether our lives are truly yielded to Him or only partially given. Those who hold tightly to their attachments will always hesitate when obedience requires sacrifice.

True disciples live detached from the world. We must hold everything lightly, our possessions, our plans, our reputation, and even relationships, so that at any moment we can say to the Lord, “It is Yours.” What matters is not how much we have, but how much of us He has. The question for every disciple is this: If He asked me to give it all up today, would I obey without hesitation?

Commitment reaches every part of our walk. It is not limited to church, prayer, or service. It touches how we speak, how we react, how we treat others, and how we handle correction. Disobedience and disrespect are not minor flaws. They reveal how much of our heart still belongs to self. A disciple who cannot obey authority on earth will struggle to obey the authority of Heaven.

Disobedience is not a moment of weakness. It is the rejection of God's authority. When we choose our will over His Word, we repeat the same rebellion that began in Eden. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." (Romans 5:19)

Disobedience says, "I know better." It replaces surrender with self and turns God's commands into suggestions.

Christ said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15) and again, "He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me." (John 14:21) True love is not proven by words or emotion but by obedience. Heaven's language for love is obedience. When obedience weakens, relationship with God suffers. "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God." (Isaiah 59:2) It is not that God withdraws His presence, but that rebellion closes the heart's door to Him.

Disrespect begins where Honor ends. It treats what is holy as common and questions what God has already made clear. "Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) Disrespect says, "I will honor You in word but not in submission." Holiness is not a tone of voice or an outward appearance. It is a posture of the heart that yields before correction. We cannot claim to honor God while resisting the Word that shapes us.

What we are toward God will also show in how we respond to authority on earth. If we resist the Father in Heaven, we will resist the parents, elders, and leaders He placed over us. The same heart that questions God's ways will question a parent's instruction. The same pride that refuses divine correction will refuse human correction.

A son becomes disobedient when he refuses what is right or rejects the authority God placed over him. A son becomes disrespectful when his tone or attitude dishonors that authority.

Disobedience says, "I will not do what you ask."

Disrespect says, "You have no weight or value to me."

Even if someone obeys outwardly, a prideful tone exposes inward rebellion. The same is true before God. Partial obedience is not obedience at all.

Questioning often reveals the state of the heart. Most questioning is not curiosity but resistance in disguise. When God's answer does not lease the flesh, the heart begins to wrestle. Job questioned, but God corrected him; not for asking, but for assuming he understood better. There is a difference between asking to learn and questioning to justify self-will. When questioning becomes defiance, it no longer seeks understanding; it seeks control.

"Honor your father and your mother." (Exodus 20:12) This command is about more than agreement. It is about attitude. Whether toward parents or toward God, the issue is not whether we understand everything, but whether we remain humble through what we do not understand. Questioning with humility

draws us closer to God. Questioning with pride distances us from Him.

Honor does not always mean silence, but it always means humility. It is calmness when the heart is troubled. It is peace when answers seem delayed. When a child speaks with gentleness, it is not disrespect. When a child refuses sinful instruction, it is not disobedience. But when the heart questions with pride, both sins are present.

Scripture says, “To obey is better than sacrifice.” (1 Samuel 15:22) and “This is love that we walk after His commandments.” (2 John 1:6) Obedience and respect reveal spiritual maturity. They are the fruit of love perfected by trust.

Disciples, our calling is not casual belief; it is full surrender. Christ never invited spectators, only followers. Commitment is not a word; it is a life laid down. If you find yourself questioning God, let it be with faith and humility, not pride and resistance. If you cannot submit to Him, you will not honor those He placed over you. And if you cannot honor authority on earth, you are not yet walking rightly with the One who gave it.

He that loves God will submit to His Word. He that despises instruction, whether divine or parental, cannot claim to love God. So, guard your tone, your thoughts, and your responses. Let every question be asked from faith, not pride. Let every act of obedience prove your love.

For the Son Himself said, “As the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do.” (John 14:31)

To love is to obey.

To obey is to honor.

To honor is to walk as Christ walked.

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## **B3-C03-S02 - Called to Be Set Apart: The Chosen**

If you're reading this right now, listen. This isn't random. Something inside you pulled you here. You can feel it deep, heavy, real. A stirring you can't quiet down. That's not emotion. That's not some mood. That's God. That's the Holy Spirit trying to get your attention. The Father is drawing you. (John 6:44)

When He calls, everything starts to shift. What used to make sense suddenly doesn't. The places that felt comfortable start to feel off. The people you leaned on start to fade. The things that once made you happy now just leave you empty. And you keep asking, what's happening to me?

God's setting you apart. (2 Corinthians 6:17)

He's not punishing you. He's pulling you closer. You're not losing your place. You're finding it.

People talk about balance all the time. I just want a balanced life. But there's no balance between God and the world. You can't balance light and darkness. You can't serve both. (Matthew 6:24) A divided heart will always fall apart. God wants all of you. Not half. Not sometimes. All.

He told Abram, leave everything you know. I'll show you where you're going. (Genesis 12:1-3) Think about that, no map, no plan, just faith. Sometimes He separates you first so He can bless you later. That separation hurts, but it's necessary. Because you can't hold onto the old and step into the new at the same time.

Being set apart starts inside. It's not about changing habits first. It's about changing love first. Loving Him more than comfort. More than plans. More than approval. A life shaped by obedience,

kept alive by His Spirit, built on His truth. (Romans 8:28-29 / Colossians 3:12-17)

Many are called. Few are chosen. (Matthew 22:14) That's why your road feels narrow. That's why you don't fit anymore. You're not supposed to. You're walking with Christ now. (1 Peter 2:9 / Matthew 7:13-14)

When God opens your ears, you start hearing what others miss. You start seeing what others can't. You carry things no one else feels. You try to explain it and they just stare. You try to bring them along, but they can't keep up. And that hurts. But every calling comes with a cutting. Separation before elevation. (Luke 9:62 / Genesis 14:13)

He said, if you don't give it all up, you can't be My disciple. (Luke 14:33)

That's not harsh, that's holy. Surrender isn't loss, it's exchange. You give Him temporary; He gives you eternal.

Time, don't waste it. Redeem the time, for the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:16) Every breath you have is borrowed from God. Use it for Him. Because every moment given to Him multiplies forever.

If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow. (Matthew 16:24)

If the world hates you, it's okay. It hated Him first. (John 15:18 / 2 Timothy 3:12) You're never walking alone. Be strong and of good courage, for the Lord your God is with you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Some of you feel the silence right now. You pray, you wait, and nothing moves. You wonder what you did wrong. Nothing. You didn't do anything wrong. God isolates before He elevates.

Moses had the desert. Joseph had a prison. David had the pasture. Even Christ had the wilderness. (Exodus 3 / Genesis 39-41 / 1 Samuel 16 / Luke 4) Before the crown comes the cave. Before the ministry comes the test. God's proving your heart.

For whom the Lord loves, He corrects. (Hebrews 12:6)

So if you're being pressed, thank Him. It means you're in His hands. Sometimes He breaks the clay just to make a stronger vessel. (Jeremiah 18:4 / 1 Peter 1:7 / Isaiah 48:10 / Romans 8:28)

When He removes something, stop calling it rejection. It's direction. He's teaching you to let go. Freedom doesn't come from holding on, it comes from surrender. Whatever owns your heart owns your direction. Give it back to God.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. (Matthew 13:44-46) Sell it all if you have to. He's worth everything. Every plan, every dream, every ounce of you.

He who began a good work in you will perform it. (Philippians 1:6) Don't rush it. Even fruit gets pruned to grow more. (John 15:2) God told Israel, don't mix the seed, don't mix the cloth. Keep it pure. (Leviticus 19:19 / Deuteronomy 22:9-11) Same for us, keep your walk unmixed.

And when the trials come, and they will remember what Paul said, tribulation brings patience, patience brings experience, experience brings hope. (Romans 5:3-4) You might be pressed, but you're not crushed. Confused, but not destroyed. (2 Corinthians 4:8-9) He's

shaping you. Teaching you. Stretching your faith until it's strong enough to stand. Be doers of the word, not hearers only. (James 2:17-26)

He delivers His own. (Psalm 34:19 / Isaiah 64:8 / Matthew 6:6)  
Your fight isn't with people, it's with powers. (Ephesians 6:12)  
But no weapon formed against you will work. (Isaiah 54:17 / Genesis 50:20 / Psalm 91:11)  
The pain you feel now isn't even close to the glory coming. (Romans 8:18 / Matthew 5:14 / Hebrews 13:5)

When you can stand free from the world and still love the people in it, that's real discipleship. You don't need recognition, just relationship. God's not after half-hearted praise. He wants fire, real, quiet, burning devotion. (Malachi 1:10-13)  
If obedience feels heavy, your eyes aren't fixed on Him yet. Because once you truly see Him, obedience becomes joy.

Before you ask, what's my calling, ask this instead, what's He worth to me.

He's finishing what He started. (Philippians 1:6)  
Your small suffering is building something weighty, eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:17)  
You've been trusted with much, and to whom much is given, much is required. (Luke 12:48 / 1 Thessalonians 5:24)

Father, for the one hearing this, strengthen them to endure the fire, not flee from it. Remind them they are called, not forgotten. Lift the weary heart. Mend the broken spirit. Replace every fear with unshakable faith. Turn every wound into a living testimony of Your power. When the appointed time comes, let them step forward boldly into all You have prepared. Teach them to accept and obey Your calling with truth, courage, and surrender so that they may be CHOSEN. In Christ's mighty name, Amen.

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. (Galatians 1:6)

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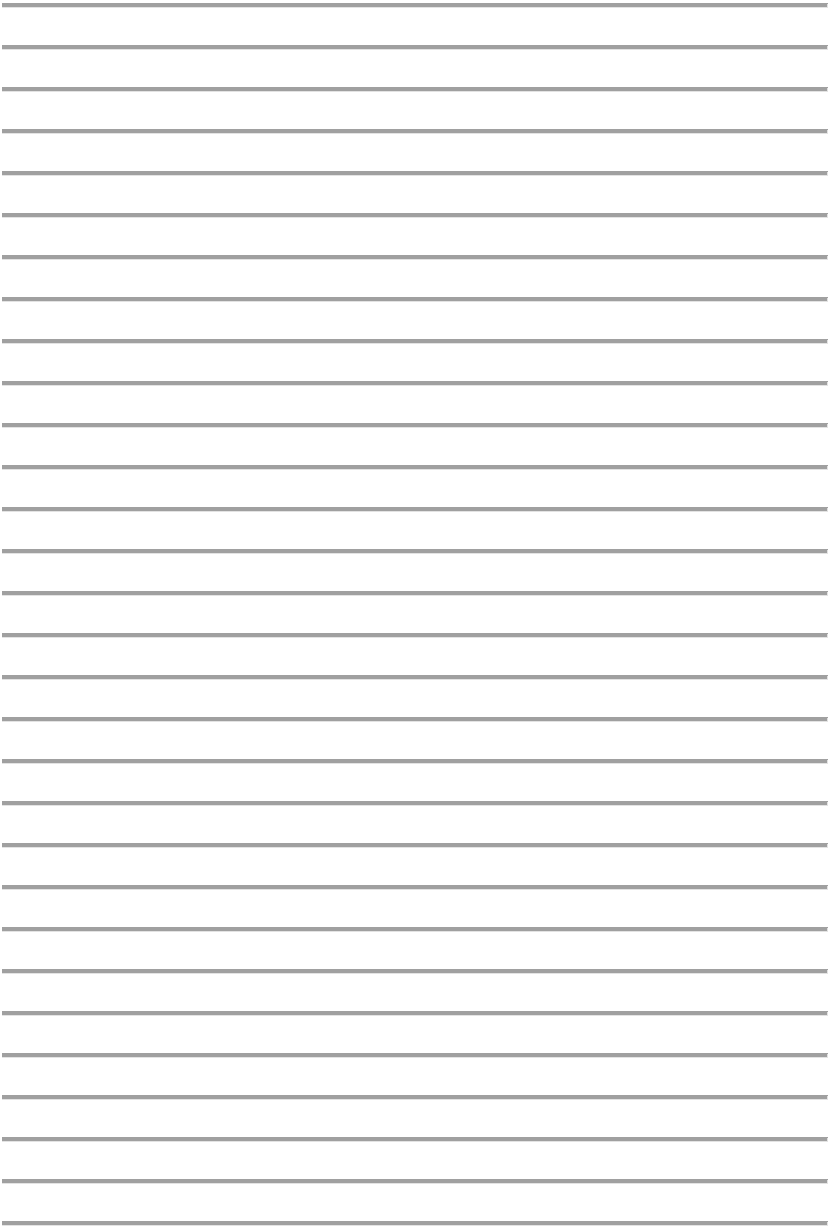
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