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Obedience

1 John 2:1-6

What is the first thing that comes into your mind when you hear the word “obedience”? Do you bristle at the thought of being told to obey? Most people do. Obedience is difficult. It is a struggle to obey in our daily life. It might be surprising then to read in the Bible that obedience is a mark of being a disciple of Jesus. Jesus says, “If you love me, you will obey my commandments?” Believers are called to a life that is marked by obedience to the commands of Jesus. 1 John 2:1-6 describes why obedience is a crucial marker in a believer’s life.

Outline:

1. Obedience means we know Jesus.
2. Obedience perfects our love for Jesus.
3. Obedience shows we are abiding in Jesus.

Additional Verses:

Exodus 19:5

Deuteronomy 12:8

1 Samuel 15:1-23

Psalms 119

Hosea 4:1-2

John 17:20-21

1 John 5:1-5

Study Questions:

1. Why is obedience a mark of being a disciple?
2. How does obedience increase your love for Jesus? What is one area where your love for Jesus is increasing because of your obedience? How is that revealing itself in your life and to those around you?
3. What is one area where you struggle with obedience? Why is it a struggle? How can you gain victory in this area?
4. How do you daily abide in Jesus Christ? How is this leading you to “walk as he walked?”
5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?