



Notes | January 28, 2024

## How Do I Obey God?

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Obedience doesn't come naturally to us. Ever since Adam and Eve, we have struggled with the idea of authority. We think we know what's best for us, what will lead to our ultimate happiness. What if happiness isn't the goal? God's ultimate goal for our lives is holiness, but that can only come through obedience to His heart and His word. If the only voice you listen to is yours, then you're missing it. If the only voices you listen to comes from the people around you, then you are still missing it. Discerning God's heart for you, surrounding yourself with believers, spending time in His word, and going to Him in prayer are key to walking in holy obedience.

### Key Scripture | 2 Timothy 4:3-4

*For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*

### Related Scriptures

Mark 12:30, Psalm 92:12-13, James 1:22, John 14:15, Isaiah 5:20-21, James 1:22-25, 1 John 3:1, Romans 6:16-18, Proverbs 3:5-6

### Icebreakers:

Q: What's a rule you never want to follow?



## Key Thoughts and Reflections:

### I. Many voices will compete for your obedience.

Q: What voices in your life define good and evil?

Q: Do you have good friends that surround you?

Q: Think of a regret that you have in your life. Who was around you at that time? Did they encourage you in it or try to hold you accountable?

### II. Gods desire isn't a list of rules. He wants you to know the longing of His heart to protect, guide, and bless You!

Q: Do you struggle with rules?

Q: How has obedience in your life led to protection from God?

Q: Do you believe God wants to bless you? How has He blessed you?

### III. God lets us make our own decision. When we've lost our way, He will guide us back.

Q: Do you feel there is a part of your life that you try to "hide" from God? EXP: marriage, dating, parenting, friends, work, etc.

Q: Is It hard for you to admit when you make a mistake?

Q: Do you believe that God will meet you in your mess? Why or why not?

## Get Practical

We have spent these last few weeks spending intentional time in Scripture, prayer, and learning what it looks like to walk in Holy Obedience. Our habits, perspective, and community are all HUGE factors in discerning God's voice. Take time this week to find a verse that encourages you to walk in Holy Obedience! Spend time in the verses listed under "Related Scripture," or here:

- Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10, Colossians 3:23-24, Matthew 25:23, Ephesians 4:2, Philippians 2:3-4

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