



ACT & REACT

Part 4: "Some Kind of Obedience"

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MY OBEDIENCE IS A DAILY DISCIPLINE THAT CONTINUOUSLY REQUIRES...

1. ...MY FAITH TURN INTO LOVE AND MY LOVE GROW INTO TRUST

*"Only he who believes is obedient, and only
he who is obedient believes."*

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*"If you love me, you will obey my
commands. I will ask the Father, and he will
give you another Helper to be with you
forever."*

John 14:15-16 (NCV)

*"Be obedient even when you do not know
where obedience may lead you."*

~Sinclair B. Ferguson

2. ...ME TO REJECT ANY VERSION OF
OBEDIENCE THAT ISN'T COMPLETE
AND CONSTANT

*"Why do you keep on saying that I am your
Lord, when you refuse to do what I say?"*

Luke 6:46 (CEV)

*"It is so hard to believe because it is so hard
to obey."*

~Søren Kierkegaard

*"Surely you know that you become the
slaves of whatever you give yourselves to.
Anything or anyone you follow will be your
master. You can follow sin, or you can obey
God. Following sin brings spiritual death, but
obeying God makes you right with him."*

Romans 6:16 (ERV)

*"But prove yourselves doers of the word
[actively and continually obeying God's
precepts], and not merely listeners [who
hear the word but fail to internalize its
meaning]..."*

James 1:22 (AMP)

*"The ship that will not obey the helm will
have to obey the rocks."*

~English Proverb

3. ...ME TO PUT EVERYTHING ON THE DAILY ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If you truly want to follow me, you should at once completely reject and disown your own life. And you must be willing to share my cross and experience it as your own, as you continually surrender to my ways. For if you choose self-sacrifice and lose your lives for my glory, you will continually discover true life. But if you choose to keep your lives for yourselves, you will forfeit what you try to keep. For even if you were to gain all the wealth and power of this world with everything it could offer you—at the cost of your own life—what good would that be? And what could be more valuable to you than your own soul?’”

Matthew 16:24-26 (TPT)

**I’LL BECOME PASSIONATE ABOUT
PURSUING OBEDIENCE WHEN I START
BELIEVING...**

1. ...GOD ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS REWARDS OBEDIENCE

“One man’s disobedience opened the door for all humanity to become sinners. So also one man’s obedience opened the door for many to be made perfectly right with God and acceptable to him.”

Romans 5:19 (TPT)

“Jesus said, ‘Forsake the habit of criticizing and judging others, and then you will not be criticized and judged in return. Don’t look at others and pronounce them guilty, and you will not experience guilty accusations yourself. Forgive over and over and you will be forgiven over and over. Give generously and generous gifts will be given back to you, shaken down to make room for more. Abundant gifts will pour out upon you with such an overflowing measure that it will run over the top! Your measurement of generosity becomes the measurement of your return.’”

Luke 6:37-38 (TPT)

**2. ...OBEDIENCE LETS ME SEE GOD’S
HEART AND HEAR HIS VOICE WITH
CLARITY AND CONFIDENCE**

“Jesus replied, ‘The Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing, and in the same way. For the Father loves the Son, and tells him everything he is doing; and the Son will do far more awesome miracles than this man’s healing.’”

John 5:19-20 (TLB)

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3. ...OBEDIENCE PREDICTS AND SECURES MY FUTURE

“Then the angel of the Lord called again to Abraham from heaven. ‘This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”

Genesis 22:15-18 (NLT)