

Lesson 28

Learning to Obey Like Jesus

Obeying Because We Love

Jesus taught us that the most important thing we can do is to love God and love others, just like we love ourselves (Matthew 22:36–40). One way we show our love for God is by obeying His commandments. But why do we obey? Is it because we're afraid of getting into trouble? Or because we want rewards? It's much better when we obey because we love God and want to make Him happy (John 14:21).

Obedience Brings Blessings

When we willingly obey God, amazing things happen! God loves to bless those who follow His commandments with all their hearts. Obedience helps us grow closer to God and become more like Him. But if we only obey because we have to, we might miss out on some of His blessings.

Trusting God's Plan

Sometimes we don't understand why God asks us to do certain things. But just like Adam and Eve and many others, we trust that God knows what's best for us. Even when things seem hard, we can believe that God will help us because He always prepares a way for us to do what He asks.

Every Commandment Matters

Even the small things God asks us to do are important. Just like Naaman, who was healed when he followed a simple commandment, we too can receive blessings when we obey, no matter how big or small the commandment seems (2 Kings 5:1–14).

Following Jesus' Example

Jesus showed us the perfect example of obedience. He always did what Heavenly Father asked, even when it was difficult, like in the Garden of Gethsemane (John 6:38; Matthew 26:39). Because Jesus obeyed perfectly, He made it possible for us to return to live with God someday.

Conclusion: Obedience Leads to Blessings

When we choose to obey God because we love Him, amazing things happen. We receive blessings, grow closer to God, and become more like Jesus. So let's remember to obey willingly, trust in God's plan, and follow the example of Jesus every day!

Scripture References:

- Matthew 22:36–40
- John 14:21
- 2 Kings 5:1–14
- John 6:38
- Matthew 26:39

Title: "The Tale of Owen and the Mysterious Map"

Once upon a time in a quaint little village nestled between rolling hills, there lived a young boy named Owen. With eyes full of wonder and a heart full of curiosity, Owen loved exploring the world around him.

One bright morning, as Owen roamed through the meadows on the outskirts of the village, he stumbled upon a mysterious map tucked beneath a pile of fallen leaves. With trembling hands, Owen unfurled the map and gazed in awe at the intricate drawings and cryptic symbols that adorned its surface.

Intrigued by the map's secrets, Owen felt a sense of excitement coursing through his veins. He knew that this map held the key to an extraordinary adventure, but he also knew that he would need to follow its instructions with care and precision.

As Owen studied the map, he noticed a series of winding paths and hidden passages leading deep into the heart of the forest. With each twist and turn, Owen felt a sense of anticipation building within him, knowing that he was embarking on a journey unlike any other.

But as Owen ventured deeper into the forest, he encountered a series of obstacles that tested his resolve and courage. He faced treacherous ravines, towering cliffs, and dense thickets that threatened to obscure his path. Yet, with unwavering determination, Owen pressed on, trusting that the map would guide him safely to his destination.

And as Owen journeyed onward, he discovered that the map was more than just a guide—it was a symbol of obedience and trust. Just like the commandments of God, the map offered direction and guidance, leading Owen to places he had never dreamed possible.

With each step he took, Owen learned the importance of obeying willingly and trusting in the wisdom of those who came before him. He realized that obedience wasn't just about following rules—it was about showing love and reverence for God, just as Jesus had done.

And so, as Owen finally reached the end of his journey and uncovered the hidden treasure that lay waiting for him, he knew that he had not only found riches beyond his wildest dreams but had also discovered the true meaning of obedience and trust.

For in following the map's instructions with all his heart, Owen had unlocked a world of blessings and wonders that would stay with him forever. And as he returned home to the village, he carried with him a newfound understanding of the power of obedience and the joy that comes from following in the footsteps of Jesus.