

OBEY: Follow the Leader

Lesson for Sunday, March 22, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ Review: We are in the middle of a series where we are seeing what the Bible says about being a disciple. In recent weeks, we have begun to look at the specific spiritual disciplines that a disciple is to develop. We are using the acrostic “CLOSER” to help us remember.
 - The first discipline is COMMUNICATE (prayer). The second is LEARN (the importance of God’s Word. This week is “O” for OBEY.
- ⇒ One of the key birthmarks of a Christian is their _____ to Jesus.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. The _____ of Obedience (1 John 2:3-6)
 - a. Context of 1 John: John wrote this epistle to assure true believers of eternal life while exposing false professions of faith.
 - b. Notice that the word “_____” saturates this text.
 - i. When John uses this word, he is not talking about information we should know as if we are studying for a test at school.
 - ii. The word means to have a personal, experiential knowledge of something through close interaction.
 - iii. John is saying that if we really know God, we will obey Him. If we don’t obey Him, we don’t really know Him.
 - c. Jesus made the same point in John 14:15.
 - d. Here’s the point: Most people think negative thoughts when they think about the topic of obedience. It is almost never considered in a positive tone.
 - i. John’s point is that we will obey God if we love God.
 - ii. Keep it simple! That means if we are consistently disobeying God, we do not actually love Him!
2. The _____ of Obedience
 - a. The Bible presents numerous blessings that are the result of our obedience.
 - b. Look up the following verses to learn some of the blessings that come when we are obedient.
 - i. _____ of Salvation (1 John 2:5)
 - ii. God’s love is _____ in you (1 John 2:5)
 - iii. _____ (Joshua 1:8)
 - iv. Answered _____ (John 15:7)
 - v. _____ with Christ (John 15:14)
 - vi. _____ will be met (Matthew 6:33)
 - vii. God will _____ your path in life (Proverbs 3:5-6)
3. The _____ of Obedience
 - a. What motivates our obedience?
 - b. The key to obeying God is our _____ for God.

c. Use the space below to draw the triangle illustration that your teach will explain to you.

d. Here's the point: You will never obey Him _____ until you love Him _____.

e. How do we learn more about God?

i. We communicate with Him daily (prayer).

ii. We learn more about Him through daily time in His Word.

APPLICATION/DISCUSSION:

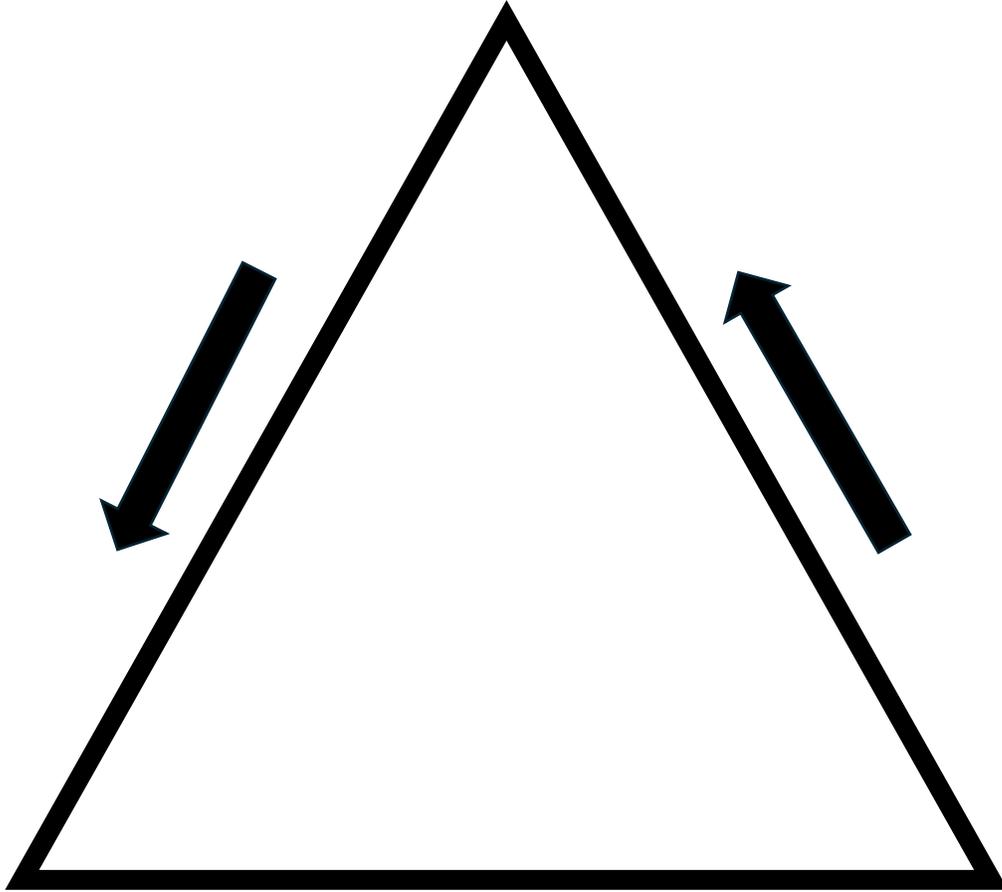
⇒ Can you see how disobedience is related to a lack of love for God?

⇒ What is your specific plan to grow in your knowledge of God?

⇒ What is the #1 area of your life that you need to work on your obedience? What can you do this week to attack this area of your life?

⇒ What is the importance of daily confession and repentance? We will all disobey at times, but that moment of disobedience does not have to derail our walk with the Lord.

KNOWING



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