

Authority in Obedience and Decision-Making

Week 6

The difference between **knowing** and **obeying**

Delayed obedience as **disobedience**

Trusting God when obedience costs something

Core Question: Do I obey quickly or negotiate with God?

- Quick Obedience

- Negotiation

- Negotiation flows from **insecurity** and **fear**.
- Negotiation sometimes looks like **busyness in the opposite direction**.

Our obedience to God and His Word = “I love you, Lord.”

Practices for Living Fully Surrendered in Our Obedience and Decision-Making

#1: Identify a Clear Area of Known Disobedience

Take 3 minutes to reflect and consider:

1. Delayed obedience

- Is there something God already told me to do that I've postponed?

2. Avoided obedience

- Is there a conversation I need to have?
- A sin I need to confess?
- A boundary I need to set?

3. Partial obedience

- Where have I obeyed outwardly but not in attitude?
- Where am I complying but not surrendering?

4. Private compromise

- Am I struggling with a habitual sin?
- An integrity gap?
- Hidden bitterness or unforgiveness?

#2: Take One Concrete Step of Obedience

Within the next 24-72 hours, take the step.

This isn't:

- "Pray more"
- "Be better"
- "Try harder"

But it does mean:

- Send the text
- Schedule the meeting
- Delete the app
- Set up counseling

- Give the gift
- Apologize
- Confess
- Block the number
- Create accountability

Does this step require **courage**?

Does it **cost** something?

Does it align with **Scripture**?