The Meaning of Obedience

Obedience is a great word of human experience.

1. A great football team
   - Disciplines them obedience to coach and game
   - Then the true crucial play.

2. The Battle of Taque in Second World War
   - The greatest naval battle in history
   - Broke the pacific Japanese fleet.
   - Three great forces with thousands
     of battles under command of
     Admiral Halsey
   - It was an intricate maneuver and
     the word obedience was the key.

3. An inspiring, friendly thing
   - Well-beloved and kind with
     a sense of understanding and tend.
   - There was been discipline and obedience in that family.

4. Professional man dedicated to his work
   - Master of Yale - Philosopher
   - Professor of Chicago - Zoologist.
Obedience Is The Key Word At The Center of Our Faith

1. The Bible Is A Book of Obedience.
   - God asks obedience of the first man.
   - The Creator of People and Made to
     Teach Them To Obey Through the Law
     and Prophecy.
   - There Is A Greatamong all the End of the
     Bible Who Have Been Obedience.
   - Man! His obedience Means Life and Death.

   - He learned obedience from His Parent
     and Obeded the Laws of the People.
   - He stood on the Will of God in the
     Midst of Temptation.
   - He taught men obedience.
     - Not only "for, for, for" but obedience.
     - The House on Hell and Earth.
     - Finally, the Way in the Garden.
     "He became obedient unto death."

3. God Has Used Men Who Are Obedient.
   - Abraham - Going Into A Far Country.
   - Leaving Him With the Poor.
Moses: Going by to lead his people.

Une - Not to obedience unto the heavenly vision.

William Carey or David Livingstone.

67 the people in our own churches.
We Do Not Take Kindly To Obedience.

1. We Have Lived In A Framework Of Rejecting Authority.
   - Let A Man Express Himself.
   - Throw Off Restraints. We Must Be Free.
   - Personal Morality, Sex And Family Life.
   - Mental Anguish.

2. Him Has Come Into Our Religion.
   - Nice, Easy Going Affair - Spectators.
   - No Claims. No Depth. No Costly Response.

3. Yet We Must Obede Some Great Cause or Person.
   - We Have Been Created To Give Ourselves.
   - Otherwise We Become Obedient to Smaller
   - Our Nations or Words.
   - What people say or Keeping Up With
   - People Ridiculing Salvation Army on Street

Who Is Obedience To Greatest Cause?

Climes Lack of Us Obedience.

1. Sooner or Later You Face The Issue Of Obedience.
   - You More Close and Become Liberal,
   - To the Claim of it, you're a grip on you.
   - Either you will have to Yield or Become Liberal.
(2) I Can Trust Christ
- He was learned through obedience.
- He is the One True Living Authority.

(3) I Have Yielded to Him and Become Obedient
- "Dying to live again."
- "A seed falling into the ground."
- "For me to live is Christ."
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(2) Here Is Growth in Obedience

(1) We start small and simply.
- One step leads to another.
- We go from one grade to another.
- We learn to read, then write, then we compose a letter.

(2) As we grow in obedience
- We repent and believe.
- Then we come to pray.
- Then we walk in holiness.
- Then we are united with Christ.

(3) The Obedience In Growth
- The Bible - The Mind Of Christ
- The Christian Community
- The Inner Voice Of The Holy Spirit

(4) God helps us each step of the way,
- Coming forward, then making a call.

(3) Obedience Now Becomes A Way Of Life

(1) It is an occasional act
- On Wednesday and Sunday
- In church teaching a class.
(2) Rent the total offering of life.
   - All of life is a vessel for which I give myself.
   - From it, a will is to which I give myself.
   "Now my life, thou alone be done."

4. God blesses the deepest blessings with those who are the humble.

(1) "The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey Him." 
   - To those who have drunk deeply of His life and spirit can sing songs in the night.
(2) "Many of us are unhappy and divided because we have never given ourselves in obedience.
   - Our stewardship.
   - Our personal life. Bearing and empty,"
First Baptist Church
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THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

July 15, 1962

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and for whom we exist.

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH
Organ Prelude—"Prelude in A Minor" .................................................. Bach
Processional Hymn—"Holy, Holy Is The Lord" ......................................... 97
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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INVISIBLE RESOURCES
Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Genesis 12: 1-9
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

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**Anthem—"What Are These That Are Arrayed in White Robes".............Stainer
What are these that are arrayed in white robes
And whence came they?
These are they which came out of great tribulation
And have washed their robes and made them white
In the blood of the lamb. Hallelujah!
Therefore are they before the throne of God,
And serve Him day and night in His temple.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;
Neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
For the lamb which is in the midst of the throne
Shall feed them and shall lead them
Unto living fountains of waters:
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS
Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—"Our Father in Heaven" ............................................ Bach
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD
Vocal Solo—"I Will Praise Thee, O Lord" ............................................. LaForge
Susan Ullius, metzo soprano
Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Meaning of Obedience"

HUMBLE ENOUGH TO BEGIN
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"O Jesus, I Have Promised" .............. 308
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

*First Service Only  **Second Service Only   ***Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the main door, Pastor Rowe at the balcony door and Pastor Babcock at the side door.

The service this morning over KELO is sponsored by Lynn’s Studio.
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Christian Greetings and Announcements
Scripture
Call to Prayer
Prayer
Prayer Response
Singing a Hymn
Receiving the Offering
Special Music

Evening Message by Pastor Fredrikson—"Doers of the Word"
(First in a series on James)

Closing Hymn—"Fight The Good Fight, With All Thy Might"

Benediction—Closing Moments—"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

Postlude

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session Two
TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
SATURDAY, 3:00 p.m.—Faith at Work Tea in Parlor

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