

**Series: The Unstoppable Church**

**Title: The Missing Ingredient: Obedience**

**Text: (Acts 5:12-42) \*29-32**

(Matt 16:18)

**(Vs 1-10) 1st recorded case of Church Discipline**

Annias & Saphira Mocked God & was Disciplined.

It is more dangerous for us as God's Children to mock God than for a lost person for they are truly Ignorant. We have no Excuse.

**(Vs 11-14) Results of Church Discipline**

**1. Reverence for God:** (Vs 11) *And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.*

**2. Miracles:** (Vs 12) *And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.*

**Purpose of Miracles:**

- Address the Immediate Need: (Vs 15-16)

(Vs 15-16) *Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were*

*vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one*

- Validate the World of God to Lost people:

They are the **"They"** of Vs 15 - They Believed!

- Glorify God: Vs 13 *but the people magnified them*

**3. Attention to the Gospel:** (Vs 13) *& of the rest durst no man join himself to them, but the people magnified them*

The Religious Leaders would not endanger their professional position by publicly professing Christ.

Roused, but not Redeemed.

Stimulated, but not Saved.

Interested, but not Invested.

***I pray that this does not describe you today.***

**4. Souls Saved:** (Vs 14) *And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men & women.)*

**(Vs 17-18) Opposition Comes Again:**

If you're doing something for God, the Enemies will oppose it, If you're not, then they won't need to.

***So Are You? So are They?***

**There are Benefits to Persecution:**

Validates that you are a Thorn in Satan's Side.

Validates that you are standing opposed to the World.

Keeps us Humble:

Peter & Apostles Were like Rock Stars: (Vs 12, 15)  
(2 Cor 12:7) *there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

***God is not going to share His Glory.***

Make sure He gets it ALL.

**(Vs 19-20) A Divine Command Only We Get!**

***Angels are incredible Beings.***

Explain: Travel, Language, Eternal, Ministry of.

***You would think they are best suited to Preach:***

To Witness = testify of personal Experience.

They have no Experience of Salvation.

No Knowledge of Redemption.

No Understanding of Grace:

(1Pet 1:12) *which things the angels desire to look into*  
***With all their Skills/Abilities, they cannot speak to it.***

**You and I are given this Command:**

We have Experienced it For Ourselves!

Our Command is to Preach:

(1 Cor 1:21) *it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

Our Message is The Gospel:

(1Cor 9:16) *woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*

Our Mission: The Great Commission

(Mark 16:15) *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Our Ministry: Discipleship (Matt 28:20) *Teach them...*

*You cannot communicate what you do not know.*

*You cannot discuss what you have not experienced.*

*You cannot teach what you have not done.*

**It is the Great Commission: *It Is NOT.***

The Great Suggestion-***It is a Command***

Not the Great Desire but the Great Directive.

Not the Great Idea but the Great Imperative.

Not the Great Opinion but the Great Obligation.

TO Be Commanded, & Not DO is Disobedience!

**(Vs 19) God will Enable you to Obey:**

*“But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth,”*

God pulled off the greatest Jail Break of the Century!

God Knows Your Limitations: (1 Cor 1:26-27,29)

(2 Cor 12:9-10)

Where God Commands, God Empowers

Where God Guides, God Provides

Where God Directs, God Enables

I believe the Greatest rewards @ JSOC will be to those who's greatest Ability was their Availability.  
*The Willingness to AVAIL themselves to God's Use.*

**(Vs 21-25) Obedience is the Missing Ingredient:**  
(Vs 21) *And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught.*

***Define Obedience: What, When, W/Good Attitude***  
(Acts 5:27-28) The irony is that this same crowd that said of Jesus: *His blood be on us, and on our children*  
(Mat 27:25)

**We Are To Fill All Kingstowne!**

(Acts 5:29) **It Is Our Duty!**

*“We ought to obey God rather than men.”*

***Obedience is the Missing Ingredient in Our Lives!***

Are you Happy?

Do you know Someone who Is Truly Happy?

Do believe that Someone can be Truly Happy?

Why do people walk around looking like the picture  
on their Drivers' License?

Why do they Lack of Joy?

***Obedience is the Missing Ingredient in Our Lives!***

*“Trust and Obey”*

The Reason so many Christians are without Joy..

1. Unbelieving (Lack of Trust)
2. Disobedient

We are not **Saved** b/c we **Obey**.

BUT, We **Obey** b/c we are **Saved**.

Martin Luther said: *“We are not saved by FAITH & Works, but we are Saved by a FAITH that WORKS.*

(Luke 6:46) *And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

If you go to heaven it is b/c you Trusted & Obeyed, but if you do not OBEY, I have to ask, have you really TRUSTED?

(James 2:20,26) *“FAITH w/o WORKS is DEAD”*

You will not go to heaven on the ..

Ladder of Logic, or the Rocket of Reason,  
But On The Railroad of Redemption  
*The Old T&O Railroad of Trust & Obey!*  
The Railroad of Repentance & Faith.

Obedience is the Missing Ingredient in so many Christians Lives. ***Obedience Makes the Difference!***

Peter Said: *“We ought to obey God rather than men.”*  
**Ought**~It is a Necessity, Binding upon us to.

**Reasons We are to Obey:**

He is Sovereign God.

God has a the divine Right of Creation:

He is not a man, to be negotiated with or Ignored.

*“We ought to obey God rather than men.”*

He is Saving God: (Acts 5:30-31) A Greater Reason.  
Divine right To Command His Children.

He is the one who loved us So Much He gave Himself to suffer & Die for OUR sins.

Same root word that means **OWE**  
**We OWE it to God.** (Rom 12:2) *Reasonable Service*

Hymn: *But drops of grief can ner repay the debt of love I owe! Here Lord I give myself away, tis all that I can do.*

What Righteous, God Honoring Reason do we have for disobeying God's Command to Witness?  
(Jer 11:3) *Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not...*

The only alternative to Obedience: - is Rebellion.  
You are Either Obedient, or Disobedient.  
You cannot be Partially Pregnant!

***"We OUGHT to obey God rather than men."***  
Disobedience is the Greatest form of Ingratitude.  
(John 14:15) *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*  
***We OWE it to God to Obey Him!***

Would you Like to be happy in Jesus.  
Would you like to have Victory in your life!  
***Obedience is the Missing Ingredient in Our Lives!***

**I. You need to Know WHAT the Will of God IS:**  
You have to WANT to know what the Will of God is:

Not knowing the Will of God is No Excuse!  
You are to have a quiet time with God every day where you ask Him.  
(Acts 9:6) 1st Question Paul asks upon meeting Jesus:  
*"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"*

**We Truly Reap What we Sow:**  
There was always work to be done at my home.  
Dad Said: *"If you Eat you work"*  
If I was told, but disobeyed, I was punished.

SO, I would leave the house early, and Stay away All Day, so I wasn't home to be told to work.

I would Avoid Serving/Obeying, by not being available to be commanded by Dad.  
***Are You like that today?***

*"I don't know the will of God for me."* **OR**  
*"Its not MY Fault I don't know the Will of God."*  
B/c you make yourself scarce.  
You sit down with Him and let Him talk to you.

You know what HE wants, But You avoid reading bible so you can Fain Ignorance.

***Do You have a Daily Quiet Time With God?***  
You have time for Social Media, Hulu, Netflix, ESPN.  
Ignorance of God's Will is NO Excuse.

God will hold you accountable for what you did hear.  
God will hold you accountable for what you would've  
heard had you made yourself available to listen.

***Your Obedience Must Be On Purpose!***

**We Truly Reap What we Sow:**

**TODAY: My Kids stay in their room w/ earbuds in  
*I Call out to My Kids: Clean your Room/Chores.***

I ask why they didn't obey? - "I didn't hear you"  
You know they heard you they just don't want to listen  
Tuning me out on purpose, so they don't have to obey.

**Ananias & Sapphira was tuning God out!** (Vs 1-11)

**Are You Tuning God Out?**

*Are your Spiritual Ear Buds In?*

*Are your Career Ear Buds In?*

*Are your Entertainment Ear Buds In?*

***In the Car, 2ft away, MY kids won't hear me.***

I smack their leg to get their attention. (Chastening)

**Are you tuning God out?**

***Obedience is the Missing Ingredient in Our Lives!***

***God Escalates to Chastening, Scourging, & Death:***

**YOU are Mocking God by Tuning Him OUT!**

God will chasten His Own!

God was dealing with Ananias & Sapphira as children

***How many of you have tuned this sermon out  
already?***

These Apostles had set their heart & Mind to do  
anything the Lord asks of them.

You need to know what the will of God is: Witnessing

**II. You need to Obey When You're Told:**

(Vs 21) *And when they heard that, they entered into  
the temple early in the morning, and taught.*

(Vs 27-28) While being told to Stop Preaching

(Vs 29-32) Peter Preaches the Gospel.

When God tells you to do something, OBEY!

***Don't look to see if the circumstances are favorable.***

***Don't Wait till tomorrow*** to see if God will change

His mind, or If God will Forget!

***Delayed Obedience is NOT Obedience!***

***Procrastination is Rebellion:***

Children need to be taught this.

You are training a Rebel.

Teenagers need to be held accountable to this:

You are Training a Lazy Adult.

Adults, You are a Rebel & it amazes me why you are  
dumbfounded that you are not Happy/Abundant Life!

***Obedience is the Missing Ingredient in your life!***

The Lack of Obedience is the reason you don't  
experience the Abundant Christian Life.

***To have Joy & Blessing in your Life Submit yourself  
to God as your LORD, Boss, King, Owner, MIP  
Demonstrate it by Faithful Obedience!***

***Why would God give you more Strength & Power to Serve Yourself or the devil?***

(James 4:3) *Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

***Why should He answer your Prayer?***

Answers to Prayer is NOT for REBELS!

(Is 59:1-2) God will not Hear you!

**I Understand Your Problems With Obedience:**

**1st:** We know it wont fulfill our flesh!

Your afraid God will take something from You.

You are in Sin b/c you have no faith.

Our Love of Stuff Trumps Our love for God.

**2nd:** We don't trust God!

*Illus:* Monument build on a cliff in memory of a dog.

We think God would frivolously ask us to do something that is bad for our lives.

We don't trust God, B/c we don't know Him.

He is the Sovereign God who cannot DO Wrong!

Our Obedience Must Be On Purpose.

Our Obedience Must Be When You're Told.

**III. Our Obedience Must Be Irregardless of the Circumstances:**

(Acts 5:33,40-42)

In the Midst of telling them NOT to Preach, & Whipped for it, They continue to Obey God!

*Illus:* My Registering with the State as a Licensed celebrant to Marry Men & Women.

*My License isn't from the State!*

*The State is Not Sovereign.*

*My License for the gospel Ministry Was given My From the Church of Jesus Christ our Savior,*

*The Hillcrest Baptist Church, El Paso Tx.*

*My registering with the State was merely Me informing the State of my Licensure.*

They don't Own ME!

*Illus:* John Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress, 17th Century England.

*The Magistrate said he had to Register to Preach the gospel. He Refused.*

*They Incarcerated him in a filthy prison cell with no windows, no cot to sleep on.*

*His daughter was sick with Epilepsy, His Wife was apaupoer.*

*They closed the doors of his church.*

*I will have no strings on my sermons.*

*I will have no State control of our church.*

*Others registered, and were let alone to preach.*

*They left the License outside his cell door.*

*All he had to do was sign it.*

*He refused to recognize the Authority of Men, or State recognizing only the Sovereignty of God!*

*He wrote the the Book: "Pilgrims Progress"*

The Cause of Christ has been hindered more by Sunday Morning Bench Warmers than by Infidels.

You have no Joy, No Zeal.

*"Well all things in Moderation."*

You can't be moderate about Salvation.

You can't be moderate about Heaven.

You can't be moderate about Witnessing.

(Rev 3:16) *So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

God would rather you were all out against Him than halfheartedly for Him.

A Man that is faithful to his wife PART of the time is NOT faithful to his wife AT ALL!

The Same Goes for God.

***We are to serve with Zealous & Joyous obedience.***

(Acts 5:41) *And they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing** that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.*

#### **IV. God Rewards Obedience:** (Vs 32)

God rewards Obedience with Spiritual Power!

(Vs 32) *so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*

*"Well I don't have Joy, Zeal, or Holy Spirit Power."*

***Have you been Obeying Him?***

*Illus: Would you give the keys to a powerful sports car to a rebellious & Disobedient son? NO!*

**God does not Lavish Spiritual Power on Rebels.**

When you bring your life into Alignment with God's Will, He will pour out His Blessings & power on you.

**Are Asking for God's will to Be Done!**

(Acts 4:29) **grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,**

They were committing to Speak God's Word!

They were asking for Boldness to OBEY!

They were asking to Do the Great Commission!

***30a By stretching forth thine hand to heal;***

Asking God to Stretch forth His Hands **through** them.

*"do through us what you would do if you were here!"*

Their Hands would become His Hands.

Their Tongues would become His Tongue.

(Vs 30b) ***and that signs and wonders may be done***

(Acts 5:12) ***& by the hands of the apostles were many signs & wonders wrought among the people.***

**We Must Dedicate our bodies to Him for His use!**

(John 14:21) *21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:*

(Don't Say You Love Jesus, but Disobey Him)

*and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

Manifest-God will display His Love & Power to you.

(Vs 29) *We ought t Obey God:*

We are to Witness (Acts 1:8)

(Vs 32) *we are his witnesses of these things;*

Obedience!

(Vs 41-42) *And they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing** (They was Great Joy!)*

*that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. 42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*

(There was Obedience!)

(Acts 6:1) *And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied,*

Are you happy? - Do you have Joy?

Are you experiencing the Abundant Christian Life?

***The Missing Ingredient Is Obedience!***

***LOST: It is Time to Repent and Trust Christ!***

***SAVED: It is Time to Repent & Commit to Obey.***

**(Heb 10:24-25) Foundational 5! 3 To Thrive!**

**OBEY GOD!!!!!!**