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## **“Trust & Obey”**

**“...Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations”(Romans 1:4-5)**

### **Doubt & Sin**

**Genesis 3:1-5** – (1) “Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’ (2) And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, (3) but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ (4) But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. (5) For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”

**Genesis 4:4-8** – (4) “...And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, (5) but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. (6) The LORD said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? (7) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.’ (8) Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.”

**“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”  
(Hebrews 3:12-13)**

### **Those Who Trusted, Obeyed**

**Hebrews 11:7** – “By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.”

**Hebrews 11:17-19** – (17) “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only

son, (18) of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’  
(19) He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.”

### **Double-Down Distrust/Disobedience**

**Jeremiah 42:5-6** – (5) “Then they said to Jeremiah, ‘May the LORD be a true and faithful witness against us if we do not act according to all the word with which the LORD your God sends you to us. (6) Whether it is good or bad, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God to whom we are sending you, that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.’”

**Jeremiah 43:1-4** – (1) “When Jeremiah finished speaking to all the people all these words of the LORD their God, with which the LORD their God had sent him to them, (2) Azariah the son of Hoshai and Johanan the son of Kareah and all the insolent men said to Jeremiah, ‘You are telling a lie. The LORD our God did not send you to say, ‘Do not go to Egypt to live there,’ (3) but Baruch the son of Neriah has set you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may kill us or take us into exile in Babylon.’ (4) So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces and all the people did not obey the voice of the LORD, to remain in the land of Judah.”

### **Considerations:**

**The longer distrust continues the lower and more ridiculous one’s disobedience tends to be.**

**Obedience that is only motivated by the letter of the law will wear a person out.**

**Obedience that is motivated by trusting my loving Father Who has my best in mind brings fulfillment.**

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