

S.A.F.E. Homes



“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

James 4:7

The Best Way is to Obey

Sometimes it is difficult to obey our parents, teachers, pastor, and others God puts in our lives to lead and teach us. Did you know the Bible says that it is better to obey than to sacrifice, (I Samuel 15:22)? Sacrifice what? Has anyone ever told you that if you did not do what they asked, you would not be able to go to an event, spend time doing something you enjoy, or go on a trip? That's a sacrifice!

The Bible, in II Kings 5, tells us that Naaman, the captain to the king of Syria, but also a leper, became angry at the prophet Elisha for sending his messenger to tell him what to do in order to be healed (verse 12)! He was angry because Elisha didn't come out and call on God (pray over him) to heal him right there. He was also angry because Elisha wanted him to wash in the Jordan river! Elisha was telling the king's captain to do something which would be embarrassing!

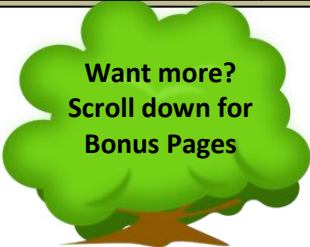
God, our parents, and other leaders in our life may sometimes ask us to do something that we may feel is embarrassing, crazy, or absolutely ridiculous in order to get what we want. But only when we obey, will we receive the blessing we desire in our life!

Once Naaman got over his rage and decided to do as the prophet told him, he was healed completely! Are you willing to obey, even if it hurts your pride, in order to have God's blessing and favor on your life?

Family Prayer: *Lord, help me to obey the prompting of Your Spirit even when what You are asking me to do makes me feel uncomfortable. I realize that Your blessings come through obedience. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

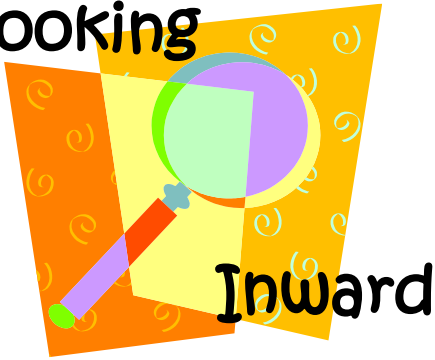


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Inward

Let's play a game of 'Follow the Leader'. The leader begins to move around and everyone has to mimic him/her. Be creative, hop around, flail your arms, make strange noises and have fun. Those that disobey are out of the game until there's a winner. Play enough times until everyone can be the 'leader.'

Let's talk

Has there ever been a time when, like Naaman, you sought advice from the man of God in your life only to be told something that made you angry or uncomfortable? Can you give an example of how your obedience brought an unexpected blessing?

Paul said to ***"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"*** (1 ***Corinthians 11:1***). Reach out to an elder or a mentor this week and plan a time of fellowship. Ask questions and learn from those that have already travelled the path you're on. Apply their lessons to your life and learn their ways of consistency and faithfulness.

Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

One of the greatest examples of sacrifice is Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22. Let's take a look at his obedience to God.

And he said, _____ now thy _____, thine only son _____, whom thou _____, and get thee into the land of _____; and offer him there for a burnt _____ upon one of the _____ which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham took the _____ of the _____ offering, and laid it upon _____ his son; and he took the _____ in his hand, and a _____; and they went both of them _____.

And Isaac _____ unto Abraham his _____, and said, My father: and he said, _____ _____ _____, my son. And he said, Behold the _____ and the _____: but where is the _____ for a burnt offering?

What was Abraham's response to Isaac regarding the offering?

And they came to the _____ which God had told him of; and Abraham _____ an altar there, and laid the _____ in order, and _____ Isaac his _____, and _____ him on the _____ upon the wood.

What happened when Abraham was ready to sacrifice Isaac?

And he said, _____ thine hand upon the _____, neither do thou any thing unto _____: for now I _____ that thou _____ God, seeing thou hast not _____ thy son, thine _____ son from me.

When Abraham opened his eyes what did he see and do?

And Abraham called the _____ of that place _____: as it is said to this day, In the _____ of the LORD it shall be _____.

Because of Abraham's obedience, what blessings were spoken to him?

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