

**TRUST AND OBEY**  
**JOHN 14:23 / 1-21-18 / A.M.**

**I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO OBEY GOD?**

- A. Servants do what they're told. They obey.
- B. Obeying God is hard for most people because we are naturally self-centered.
- C. Jesus told a parable to illustrate what obedience is—Matt. 21:28-30.
- D. Blackaby... **“God’s commands are not given so we can pick and choose the ones we want to obey.”**

**II. WHY IS OBEYING GOD SO IMPORTANT?**

- A. Jesus expects us to obey God—Matt. 12:50 and John 14:23.
- B. James also expects Christians to obey God—James 2:17 and 26.
- C. Blackaby on the importance of obeying God...
  - 1. **“Obedience is the outward expression of your love for God.”**
  - 2. **“The reward for obedience is that God will make Himself known to you.”**
  - 3. **“If you have an obedience problem, you have a love problem.”**
  - 4. **“If you love God, you will obey Him”.**

**III. OBEYING GOD IS COSTLY.**

- A. Obeying God is our moment of truth.
- B. Does God ever give us a second chance when we don't obey Him?
  - 1. The best answer is sometimes.
  - 2. There are examples of people who failed and were given second chances.
  - 3. There are other times, however, when God did not give someone a second chance. Moses is an example—Num. 20:10.
  - 4. It's much better to obey God the first time because you may not get a second chance.