

TRUST AND OBEY
I JOHN 2:3-4 / 8-18-19 / A.M.

I. FIRST, WHAT IS OBEDIENCE?

- A. Jesus illustrated obedience in one of his parables—Matthew 21:28-31.

- B. Why does God consider obedience so important?
 - 1. First, because obedience precedes receiving an assignment to join God in what he is doing in our world.
 - 2. Second, because obedience is our moment of truth.
 - 3. Third, it determines whether we will experience an encounter with God or not.
 - 4. Fourth, it also determines whether or not we come to know God more intimately—I John 2:3-4 & Matthew 7:21.
 - 5. Finally, obedience is also important because God blesses those who obey him—Deut 28:1-2 & Jeremiah 7:23.

II. SECOND, WHAT IS THE COST OF OBEDIENCE?

- A. First, obedience is costly to us—Phil. 3:10-12.

- B. Second, our obedience is also costly those around us

- C. Third, the cost of not obeying God, though, is higher than the cost of obeying him.

- D. Will God give us a second chance to obey him if we failed in the past?
 - 1. Sometimes He does.
 - 2. Sometimes he doesn't.
 - 3. The point is we shouldn't purposely disobey God's will assuming God will always give us a second chance to obey Him.

- E. What if things go wrong after you have taken a step of obedience? What should we do if this happens to us?
1. First, clarify what you believe God said to you.
 2. Second, let God work out the details Himself.
 3. Third, do all we know to do now.
 4. Fourth, wait on God to tell you what to do next.