

“Working through the Tension of Obedience”
John 11:38-44

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1. Our Lord's Commands are clear and contrary to reason

John 11:38-39A, Isaiah 55:8-9

2. We lean toward reason that is contrary to faith

John 11:39, John 11:25

Human reasoning will attempt to influence the
believer's heart

- To rely on the world of sight and sense (temporal)

- To forget the promises of God

- To forget the God of promise who cannot lie

Luke 5:1-5, Proverbs 3:5-6

3. Our Lord rebukes unbelief found in human reasoning

John 11:40, Luke 24:25-27

4. True faith will obey despite irrational appearances

Acts 8:5-8, Acts 8:26-39