## **OBEDIENCE...**

Walking with Jesus requires Obedience...complete and immediate!

Obedient – compliant, yielding, submit to another's will.

BUT..... I'm a maverick (Tom Cruiz) a loner, strong willed, self made man.

Competition (sports) create tension to force someone to impose your will.

God never forces you to comply! You must choose to yield.

Rebellion – pride to stand your ground, hold your position. Go against

open resistance to an established government or ruler.

resisting authority, or control

Obedience reveals your heart – love, trust

Disobedience reveals your heart – pride, wounds, insecurity

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# <u>Abraham, Noah, Joseph, Daniel, Samuel, David, Peter, James, John, Paul – obeyed</u>

Acts 26 - "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

Isa 1:19, John 14:15, 23, Rom 5:19, Acts 5:29, Matt 7:21

### <u>Adam and Eve, Achon, Jonah, sons of Aaron, sons of Eli, – disobeyed</u>

Leviticus  $10 \ 1 - 1 \ \text{Sam} \ 2:12 - \text{Josh} \ 7:20$  - And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and this is what I have done:

Aaron's sons offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, contrary to his command. So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the Lord.

- 1. To Overcome a Spirit of Disobedience in Your Life,
  Focus on the Spiritual Health of Your New Heart in Christ
- 2. If You Want to Obey God, the Bible Says You Must Control Your Mind Rather than Letting It Control You (and emotions)
- 3. To Increase Your Obedience to God, You Must Submit Your will to God

Your WILL – your future, inevitable choices

Luke 22 - 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."...44 - And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly,

#### To Gods delegated authorities... parents, teachers, rulers

- 1. Submission is an ATTITUDE, it is absolute
- 2. Obedience is an ACTION, it is subjective

KING SAUL...

Scripture... VIDEO clip (Leonard Nemoy)

#### **REBELLION / DISOBEDIENCE**

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.

Isaiah 1:19-20 If you will only obey me, you will have plenty to eat. But if you turn away and refuse to listen, you will be devoured by the sword of your enemies. I, the Lord, have spoken!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

1 John 3:8 The one who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was revealed: to destroy the works of the devil.

5 "I wills" of Lucifer –

"HOW YOU ARE FALLEN from heaven, O Lucifer (now Satan, the devil), son of the morning...For you have said in your heart:

I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High.

(Isaiah 14:12-14)