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**When Oobedience Is Our Only Response**

Deuteronomy 4:1-14

**Key Truth:** As disciples of Christ, God has a purpose for our lives. However, we must understand that obedience to God is necessary for living out that purpose.

1. Obedience is all in the details.

 A. Believing God is essential. Vs. 1-2, Psalms 46:10

 B. A willing soul is a must. Vs. 9

 C. Knowing the word of God is vital. Vs. 2

2. We must make obeying God our priority.

 A. God is Holy. Psalms 99:9

 B. Obeying God sets us apart from the world.

 C. God commands are not burdensome.

3. Obey what you have learned.

 A. The word of God expresses His wisdom.

 B. Victorious living is found in the word of God.

 2 Timothy 3:16-17

4. Obedience leads us to truly worship God.

 A. Trusting Jesus Christ is our first act of obedience.

 B. We delight in God’s glory when we obey Jesus Christ.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Trusting Jesus Christ as our Savior is paramount for our salvation. Commit yourselves today to live in exclusive devotion to our great God.

Challenge yourself to be intentional about sharing Christ this week.

**Food For Thought**

Read Deuteronomy 4:39-40: How did the Lord expect the people of Israel to demonstrate their loyalty and devotion to Him? What did He say He would do for them in return?

Why is it reasonable for God to expect exclusive loyalty from His people?

What does the word lordship mean to you? What do we mean when we say, “Jesus is Lord”? What do you think the Lord promises us today when we recognize and submit to His lordship?

Read 1 Samuel 15:22-23: What do you find competes with the Lord for your time, attention, or loyalty? What steps will you take to ensure God has first place in your life?

Who is in charge in your life today? What is the evidence for this? What will need to change before you can give the Lord charge of your life?

Read Matthew 22:37-39 and 28:18-20. What are we called to do today? In what sense is the call on every Christian’s life the same?