

Theme: Obedience

Scripture 1:

“Tell me what you think about this: There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first son and said, ‘Son, go and work today in my vineyard.’ The son answered, ‘I will not go.’ But later the son decided he should go, and he went. Then the father went to the other son and said, ‘Son, go and work today in my vineyard.’ The son answered, ‘Yes, sir, I will go and work.’ But he did not go. Which of the two sons obeyed his father?”

The priests and leaders answered, “The first son.”

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth. The tax collectors and the prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you do. John came to show you the right way to live. And you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and prostitutes believed John. You saw this, but you still refused to change and believe him.

Scripture 2:

In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.

Christ himself was like God in everything.

He was equal with God.

But he did not think that being equal with God was something to be held on to.

He gave up his place with God and made himself nothing.

He was born as a man and became like a servant.

And when he was living as a man, he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God.

He obeyed even when that caused his death - death on a cross.

So God raised Christ to the highest place.

God made the name of Christ greater than every other name.

God wants every knee to bow to Jesus - everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.

Everyone will say, “Jesus Christ is Lord” and bring glory to God the Father.

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Reflections on Scripture:

Is obedience a good thing?
Why do some people disobey?
How can we show our obedience to God?
Why are we sometimes not obedient to God?
Is it possible to always be obedient to God?
Why is Christ the role model of obedience?

Saint of the Week: St Theodora Guerin

How did she live out the theme of this week?

How did she try to remain obedient to God's message and Christ's teachings?
How can we be obedient to Christ's message to help others in need?

The World Today:

Pope Francis:

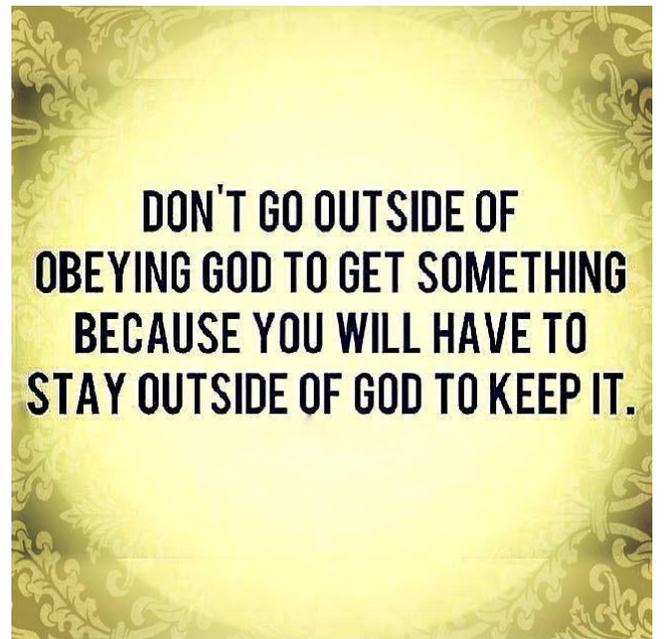
'To obey God instead of men is the great Christian response. This means listening to God without reservations, without postponements, without calculations.'



Hymn



Obedience & Patience



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Prayer:

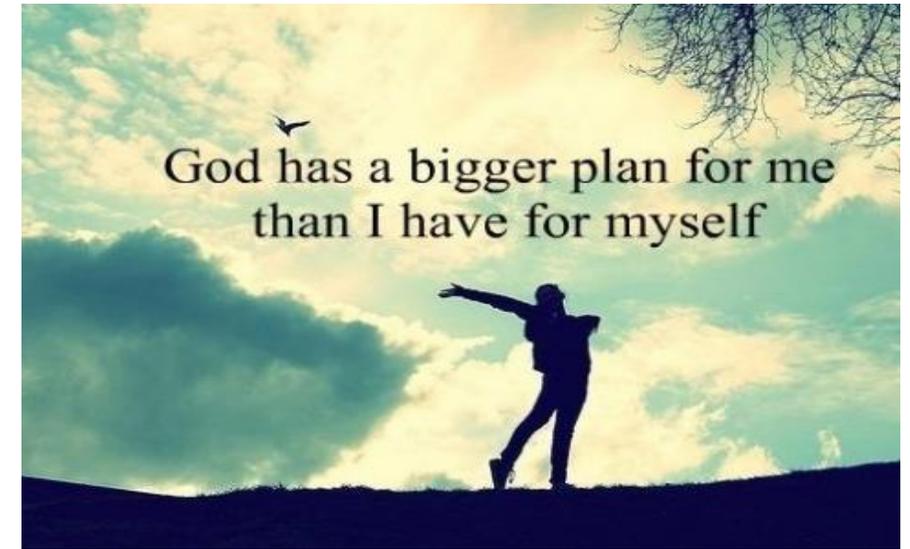
Dear Heavenly Father

I want to live godly in Christ Jesus and I ask that You would help me to develop an attitude of obedience to Your will and an increasing trust in Your Word.

Help me to grow in grace, and to develop the right godly practice and scripture purpose in life, so that You are lifted up in my heart and glorified in all I do.

May I learn to praise You without ceasing and to develop an attitude of prayfulness – and help me to be obedient to carry out all that I am called to do as a child of God – so that You increase as I decrease.

Amen



Obedience to God is like riding a bike