

“OBEYING THE CALL OF GOD”

Acts 5:29 - Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, You ought to obey God rather than men.



As a father gives instruction to his children, you must also obey the voice of your heavenly father. The bible says, “My sheep know my voice and a stranger they will not follow.” He knows what’s best for you. And He sees what lies ahead. He alone knows exactly what he designed you to do even before you were formed in your mother’s womb. **Jeremiah 1:5** reminds us that, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I **ordained** thee a prophet unto the nations.”

A loving and concerned parent is going to make sure that the child has rules and regulations to govern their lives, and that they know right from wrong. They will know that there are consequences to their actions. It just would not be acceptable to let a child run free and do anything and everything without knowing that there are consequences to be dealt with. **Jeremiah 7:23** says, “But this thing commanded I them, saying, obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.” When God calls, you must answer.

You must obey the call that comes from God...He has a specific purpose and a divine destiny for you. He created you with a free will to make decisions for yourselves. You have the power to make life difficult or easy based on the choices you make. So as God your father speaks to you, you are to move without hesitation and apprehension. **God does not call the equipped, but he equips the called.** In **Matthew 4:18-20** Jesus said to Peter and Andrew his brother, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” The bible says they straightway (immediately, right away, instantly) left their nets and followed Him. When God speaks, you need to move just like that!

You must obey the call to service...the great commission of Christ found in **Matthew 28:19-20** instructs us to action. It commands you to go! Teach! Baptize! Service is action that should ultimately honor God in the end, not you! You serve God by serving others – in your home, church and community. You are his servant. **Isaiah 61:1** says, “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to **bind up** the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;”

You must obey the call to suffer...Prepare to be ridiculed, rebuked and rejected for the cause of Christ. **Romans 8:16-18** says, “the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that you are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that you suffer with him, that you may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Like Jesus, we must take up our cross and follow Him daily.

Obey the call of God because obedience is better than sacrifice!

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