

For Further Study

Psalm 119

“A Long Obedience in the Same Direction” Eugene Peterson

“Powers of Darkness” by Clinton Arnold

“Spirit of the Disciplines” by Dallas Willard

“Renovation of the Heart” by Dallas Willard

“Desiring God” by John Piper

“Trusting God” by Jerry Bridges

“The Pursuit of God” by AW Tozer

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THE WISDOM OF OBEDIENCE

Luke 8:16-56 (NIV)

We are wise to obey God's word...

1. It leads to greater learning (16-18)

2. It proves our loyalty (19-21)

3. He rules the natural world (22-25)

4. He rules the spiritual world (26-39)

5. He rules the physical world (40-56)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. In what areas do you struggle to obey God? Why is obedience in this particular area difficult? What does this ultimately say about your relationship with God?
2. Which of the 5 main points above do you find most encouraging for obedience?
3. If you were not a Christian, what would you find to be compelling evidence of sincere belief?
4. How does Jesus' opening illustration of a lamp fit with a message of obedience?
5. What helps you to obey?
6. How can we pray for each other?

It is **fear** that leads us to our **own resources**, our **own efforts**, our **own answers** instead of trusting the way and the word of God. **Faith** is required for lives of **radical obedience!**