

The Way of the Cross: Obedience

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Text: John 14:15–31 (NIV)

The Tension Between Love and Obedience

- What happens if we _____ the tension?
- How can we keep _____ tension between love and obedience?
- Obedience is _____.

God's Divine Provision

- The gift of the Spirit is an outgrowth of our _____ with Jesus.
- _____ for the gift of the Spirit.
- The gift of the Spirit empowers _____.

Where and How Must We Obey

- _____ of obedience.
- Examples of obedience and the way of the cross.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- In John 14:15-31, why do you think Jesus puts such a strong emphasis on the connection between love and obedience (Jn 14:15, 21, 23, 24, 31)?
- How does love help us to obey Christ's commands?
- What happens if we choose love and neglect obedience? What happens if we choose obedience and neglect love?
- Why do you think sacrifice is essential for balancing love and obedience? How did Jesus set this balance?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in our ability to both love and obey?
- Read Philippians 2:13 and Romans 5:5. What are the Spirit's specific activities that help us keep the tension between love and obedience? What might this look like in daily life?
- Of the two spheres of obedience mentioned, which do you struggle with the most – moral or social, and why?
- What sacrifice(s) is the Holy Spirit leading you to make this week that will help you love Christ through obedience? How will it demonstrate love for God? How will it demonstrate love for neighbor?