

## **Obedience** *Imitating Christ*

God's purposes for us are best experienced when we follow his will.

### **1. God's will for us is to be obedient children.**

#### **a. Old Testament**

- Blessing in obedience: Genesis 22:18
- Obedience is God's will: Leviticus 22:31
- Obedience is more than looking religious: 1 Samuel 15:22
- Life is better when we obey God: Isaiah 1:19; Joshua 1:7

#### **b. New Testament**

Matthew 21:28-31 Two problems:

- Defiance
- Disobedience

What is inside comes out: Matthew 12:33-35; 15:18:

Obedience from the heart: John 14:15, 21

### **2. The Example of Jesus**

- John 8:29; 14:30b-31; Hebrews 10:7
- Consider Jesus' humanity
- a. Jesus learned obedience through suffering.** Hebrews 5:8
- b. Jesus demonstrated obedience to the point of death.** Luke 22:42; Philippians 2:8
- c. Through Prayer** John 12:49

### **3. Learning to Obey like Jesus**

- a. Relation of Faith and Obedience**
- b. What to obey: God's Word.** James 1:22
- c. The Danger of Compromise**
- d. The Holy Spirit is our tour guide.** Philippians 2:12-13