

EXPERIENCING GOD: REALITY SEVEN

YOU COME TO KNOW GOD BY EXPERIENCE AS YOU OBEY HIM AND HE ACCOMPLISHES HIS WORK THROUGH YOU.

John 14:23, "Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

I. Obedience is important for all of your life.

Luke 6:46-49

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

II. Obedience is the moment of truth

Matthew 21:28-30

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?"

Your obedience (or lack of it) will:

1. Reveal what you believe about God.
2. Determine whether you will experience His mighty work in and through you.
3. Determine whether you will come to know Him more intimately.

III. Obedience has a cost

John 6:60, "When many of His disciples heard it, they said, 'This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?'"

John 6:66, "After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him."

IV. Obedience will be affirmed

The affirmation comes after the obedience.

*"This will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."
(Exodus 3:12)*