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Men's Bible Study Outline
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What Does God Want From Us? Obey Me

"Reading the bible will give you information about God.
Obeying the bible brings transformation from God."
- Dr. James Merritt

To believe God is to know God.
To know God is to love God.
To Love God is to obey God.

Read John 14:15

"If you love Me, you will keep my commandments."

1. We proclaim our love by obeying

"If you love me..."

Praise and worship is the way we verbally express our love for God.

2. We prove our love by obeying.

You cannot separate love and obedience.
Love is the motive for obedience and obedience is the measure of love.
God wants you to love Him before you obey Him.
God wants you to obey Him because you love Him.

The first level of motivation is **fear**.
I have to do this or something bad will happen.

The second level of motivation is **duty**.
I ought to do this or someone will be disappointed

The most fulfilling motivation is **love**.
I want to do this. Gladly. Joyfully.
The walk of obedience is the talk of love.

3. We practice our love by obeying.

What's in it for me?

Read John 14:21

Your experience of Jesus will be proportional to your obedience to Jesus.

To believe Jesus is to know Jesus.
To know Jesus is to love Jesus.
To love Jesus is to obey Jesus.

He first loved us.

Points to Ponder

Is Jesus really real to you?
Do you selectively obey his commands?

Notes
