

TRUST-BASED OBEDIENCE

THE PROMISED LAND WEEK 3 | DAVE D'ANGELO

Four Types of Obedience:

- 1 Reward-based obedience
- 2 Threat-based obedience
- 3 Win-Win-Win obedience (when it's convenient)
- 4 Trust-based obedience (I obey because you're the one asking)

Question: Why do I obey God?

Obedience feels like a test, but it is a mercy; It reframes our focus and brings an end to the wilderness.

Joshua 3:14-17

So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and **the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water** (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

Joshua 3 Shows Us:

- Moments are big. **Trusting the Miracle Worker is bigger.**

Joshua 3:7-8

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan."

→ The miracle happened without Joshua needing to do anything other than obey the Lord.

Obedience to the Miracle Worker (God) right-sizes our moments (wilderness).

- **Following God involves embracing the concepts of both near and fear.**

Joshua 3:4

Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.

Question: Have I gotten casual in my fear of God?

→ When we don't fear God, obedience becomes subjective and selective.

Fear: revere, hold in awe, listen and respond to

Isaiah 66:2b

This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

- **Faith means stepping into the water before we see that it will part.**

Joshua 3:15

and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and **the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water** (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest),

The water God commanded them to step into would have been 15-30 ft deep.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

→ We must obey on faith, not on sight.

God wants to grow us to a place where we obey based on who is asking not based on what is being asked.

If He leads you there, He will provide for you there.