

## The Principle of Unconditional Obedience

Scripture:

John 2:5 NIV  
2 Kings 5:1-14

**John 2:5, 11 NIV** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." This the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

### Introduction

Mary, Jesus' mother, on this occasion forced Jesus into the public spotlight. She did so by a simple statement to a group of servants. She simply told them to obey Jesus without question. Their obedience rescued the host from social embarrassment.

### I. Receiving His instructions

**John 2:5, 11 NIV** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you.

**2 Kings 5:11 NIV** But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot, and cure me of my leprosy."

#### A. Hearing vs. receiving

1. Hearing means we got the message
2. Receiving means we took the message to heart

#### B. Obstacles to receiving the message

1. Our pre-conceived ideas
2. Our religiosity

#### C. Do whatever he tells you

4160. poieo, poy-eh'-o; appar. a prol. from of an obsol. prim.; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct):--abide, + agree, appoint, X avenge, + band together, be, bear, + bewray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, + content, continue, deal, + without any delay, (would) do (-ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, X journeying, keep, + lay wait, + lighten the ship, make, X mean, + none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, + have purged, purpose, put, + raising up, X secure, shew, X shoot out, spend, take, tarry, + transgress the law, work, yield. Comp. G4238.

4238. prasso, pras'-so; a prim. verb; to "practise", i.e. perform repeatedly or habitually (thus differing from G4160, which prop. refers to a single act); by impl. to execute, accomplish, etc.; spec. to collect (dues), fare (personally):--commit, deeds, do, exact, keep, require, use arts.

1. When it does not fit our preconceived notions
2. Without questioning
3. Impeccably obeying every detail

### II. Following His instructions

**John 2:8b NIV** ...They did so.

**2 Kings 5:13-14a NIV** Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, ...

- A. Obedience marks our opportunity to participate with God in His miracles
    - 1. Gideon and his torches and jars
    - 2. Elisha saying "Make this valley full of ditches" (2 Kings 3:16)
  - B. Biblical examples of obedience
    - 1. Their obedience was immediate
    - 2. Their obedience was complete
    - 3. Their obedience transcended their understanding
- III. Receiving what He promised
- John 2:10b NIV ... but you have saved the best till now  
2 Kings 5:14b NIV ... and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.
- A. Review his past instructions
  - B. Act completely upon what He has told you
  - C. Trust Him to do as He said
  - D. Expect Him to do the miraculous in you life