

Hosea 1:2-3

When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshiping other gods.”

Who is called to obey?

Grace is opposed to earning, not effort.

Great Commission

¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰***Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.*** And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

What does it mean to obey?

Begin to put into practice what God said to do.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.—James 1:22

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.—James 2:19

Why should we obey?

God desires it—Hosea 6:6

God Blesses it—Deuteronomy 28:1-6

It is the key to your life—Deuteronomy 30:20

A lot of people want to live their own way, but it works better when we live in obedience.

Matthew 11:28-30

How do you live in obedience?

Get in the habit of reading the word.

Begin to put into practice what you read.

Training versus trying.

Train your ears to listen for the Holy Spirit.

Trust that God knows what He's doing.

Romans 8:28

Commit to relationships.

When you fall, get up.

Confession and prayer

Fall upon Christ

When do you obey?

Right now.

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.-John 15:5