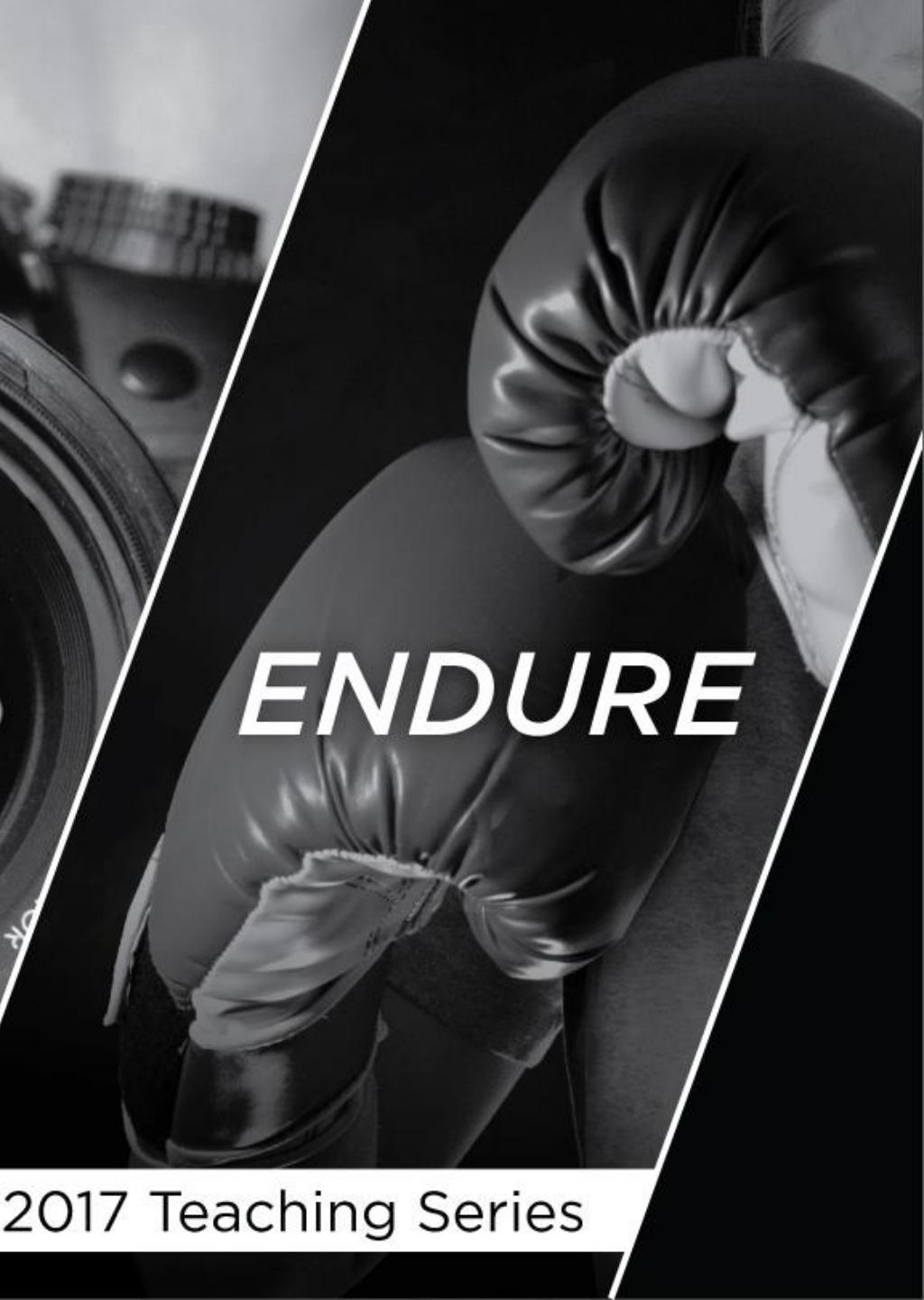




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Hosea 1:2-3

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.”

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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.”

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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

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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

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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

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