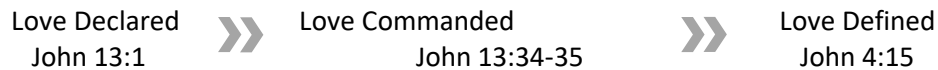


THE ART OF EMPOWERED OBEDIENCE

John 14:15-31

The context...



Love = Obedience (*v. 15*)

Big Idea: The empowering presence of Jesus is displayed by what I do.

My love for Jesus is connected to doing what He says. (*v. 15, 21-24*)

The Spirit is how I experience the presence of Jesus. (*v. 16-17*)

Obedience is based in love and empowered by the Holy Spirit. (*v. 25-31*)

NEXT STEPS:

- When have I “experienced” Jesus in the past?
- Where have I disconnected love from obedience?
- How can I move to acting out of my love for Jesus?

LIVE IT OUT

Putting the Bible into Practice:

Read John 14:15-31. Describe examples of your obedience that pleased Jesus. Compare & contrast the difference in your life between obeying or disobeying Jesus. What challenge do Hebrews 3:7-8 & Matthew 21:28-32 invoke? Where have you disconnected love from obedience?

From John 14:21, what is it like when in the midst of your obedience Jesus loves you and ‘manifests’ Himself to you? Imagine you are at the water cooler at work and someone asks, “What is the Holy Spirit? What does He do? Give me some examples from your life,” how would you answer?

What’s the difference between obeying Jesus out of the Spirit’s power & love, compared to duty? Read John 14:27. How have you experienced Jesus’ peace? Where do you need it now?

Challenge:

Demonstrate your obedience TODAY! Thank Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to live in you!