

**The Joyful Seeker**  
**Lesson 5 - Jesus was Obedient to His Father**  
**January 31, 2021**

**Lesson Passage:** Luke 4:16-21; John 5:30c

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**Introduction:** When the Church is revived and reformed, obedience will follow. Hearts will be broken down and changed by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit transforms the Church from weak to faith-filled obedient disciples for Christ. Obedience requires total trust in and total dependency in God! Jesus, in every way, respects and honors the authority of His Father through complete obedience. Christ's entire life and ministry were coordinated by His Father and Jesus was careful to carry out every detail according to the will of His Father. All that Christ did in His life on earth was done according to the Scriptures.

**Learning Goals:**

- ♥ God is concerned about "little things" such as words or attitudes as much as He is about "big issues" of obedience such as killing, stealing, etc.
- ♥ Being obedient to God does not always spare from the typical problems and crises that the non-believer experiences.

**Referenced Scripture:**

**Luke 4:16-21 (NLT)**

*16 When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. 17 The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come". 20 He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. 21 Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"*

**Scripture to Memorize:** "I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will" (John 5:30). NLT

### **Lesson Explained:**

**Verses 16-21** After his failing to lead Jesus into being disobedient to His Father, the devil left the scene that day knowing Jesus could not be moved away from the plans of His Father. Jesus then arose and walked out of the wilderness. When He arrived at the local synagogue, He openly declared His mission: To be given for others in obedience to His Father. When Jesus left the synagogue that day, the Scribes and Pharisees were in an uproar, because His words went against their teaching (Luke 4:28-30). Jesus had put His faith in His Father to keep and protect Him. He was obedient to His Father. He knew that the Word of God was more powerful than any temptation the devil could throw at Him. He stood on the Word as it is written (Psalm 91:11-12).

The "desert"/"wilderness" is a place of testing, proving, believing and accepting God's plans for us. Out of that place comes power and purpose. It is a place where we come to know Jesus in a very special way; we come to know Him as our Savior and LORD! Jesus paved the way by His own example of obedience to the Word of God and being obedient to God's calling. The wilderness is that place where God will show us His mercy, goodness and power. We will come out changed, with a greater understanding of the Father and a heart for obedience to the Him. If we hold fast to the Word of God, He will bring you out of the desert place with power!

### **John 5:30 (NLT)**

*30 I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will. Jesus said that He cannot even attempt to do anything without His Father. Is that our stand?*

### **Make it real:**

- ♥ We have the ability to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are called to reach the lost and to serve a selfish and backward generation, not on our terms but on God's. Not taking the easy way out, as Satan would try to tempt us to do.

**Closing Prayer:** *"Heavenly Father, Thank You for leading us. We pray that Your strength and wisdom would be with us as we make decisions to follow Your path. In Jesus' Name, Amen!"*