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Series: "How's Your Attitude?"

Title: "An Attitude of Humble Obedience"

Philippians 2:8

Outline:

Like Jesus, we humbly obey...

1. In **WILLING** submission to God's **PLAN**, vv. 6-8 (cf. *Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 9:6-7; 53:10; Micah 5:2; Matthew 26:39; Luke 3:38; John 8:28-29, 10:18, 30; Acts 2:23; Romans 6:23; Galatians 4:4-5; 1 Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 10:4-7; 1 Peter 1:19-20; Revelation 13:8*).
2. In **FULL**, and at any **COST**, v. 8 (cf. *Isaiah 53:5, 7; Matt. 12:50; 16:24; John 15:10; 17:4, 19:30; Rom. 5:19; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 2:17-18; 3:2, 14; 4:15, 5:8*).
3. In **HOPE** of the **JOY** that is coming, vv. 8-9 (cf. *Matt. 16:24-27; John 14:31; 17:5, 24; Heb. 1:3-4; 2:9-10; 10:23-25; 12:2-4; 1 John 5:1-4*).



Discuss with your family some of the reasons that kids might obey their parents. How does the relationship between parent and child have an affect on the willingness of a child to obey? What does trust have to do with it? As we consider the obedience of Jesus, why did Jesus obey His Father and submit to His plan? How did His love for His Father influence His obedience (John 14:31)? How should that guide us in our pursuit of living in obedience to God? Use the cross references in point #1 above to help you.

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT, STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. The story of the birth of Jesus doesn't begin in a manger, but in a Garden. Read Genesis 3:15, Luke 3:23-38, Galatians 4:4, Hebrews 10:1-7 and 1 Timothy 1:15. Why was it so important that Jesus obey the plan of God and come to earth in human form, born of a woman? What could he *not* do if he were to come without becoming human? What would that mean for our salvation and our relationship with him?
2. Jesus' obedience to the Father was a great delight for him because he loved and had fellowship with Him (Jn. 14:31). In the same way God's commands are not burdensome to the one who has been born of God and loves God (1 John 5:2-4). Since that's the case, if obeying God seems burdensome to us, what might that say about what we love? What are some things in this world that compete for our love and obedience? What do we need to do if we find ourselves loving them at the expense of our obedience to God?
3. From the humble beginning of being born with the animals, to being obedient even to the point of death on a cross (Philippians 2:8), Jesus obeyed God fully and regardless of the

cost. What are some areas in your life where you are tempted to obey partially, just enough so that it doesn't cost you? What would it look like to obey fully, and to take up your cross (Matthew 16:24-26)? What might it cost you? Are you willing to pay that cost?

4. Hebrews 12:1-2 gives us the reason that Jesus was willing to obey the plan of God, and to come to earth to die on the cross. It was for joy. What was that joy? What did Jesus know disobedience would do to his joy? Do you typically think about your own joy when you obey? Why or why not? What are the joys that come from obedience and how does disobedience steal that joy?

NEXT WEEK: – “An Attitude of Humble Worship” - Philippians 2:9-11

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