

NOVEMBER 18

“WE DO IT BECAUSE GOD SAID DO IT.”

READ

Luke 6:46-49

This relationship we have with God is not about what we can get from God. This is a relationship of hearing and doing. If we don't obey Him, we don't have a relationship with Him. Jesus was straightforward and to-the-point. He gave us commandments, not suggestions. Until I am doing everything I know to do from His Word, I am stymied in my relationship with Him. Relationships on this earth are based on emotion, but our relationship with God is based on obedience. We can think that we need a miracle, but what we need is to obey. Oh, I absolutely believe in miracles. But I absolutely believe it isn't a miracle we need, it's a new attitude about what God has saved us to be and do. It's an attitude of obedience. When I do not obey, it places me under the correcting hand of the Lord. Whom the Lord loves He chastens. Maybe we shouldn't be claiming a miracle, but should be asking the Holy Spirit to convict our hearts. A heart for the Lord obeys, whether we like it or not, whether we feel it or not. We do it because God said do it. That's the theme of Scripture, God does not desire sacrifice with the fat of rams, but obedience from the heart.

PRAY

Obedience is what You wanted from the beginning. It's what You still want. I want to walk in obedience, so that my fellowship with You will be sweet, and my prayers won't be hindered. I want to obey, to be founded on the Rock.

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