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Matthew 21:28-32

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28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

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31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Introduction

- A. We need to consider obedience (v 28)**
- B. Obedience involves a choice (v 28)**
- C. Obedience requires a change of heart (v 29)**
- D. Obedience involves more than words (v 30)**
- E. Obedience is not what man sees but what God sees
(v 31)**
- F. Obedience has eternal consequences (v 32)**

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A. Jesus submitted to God's will even when it was difficult

John 14:31

But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

B. Obedience to God was a priority for Jesus

Matthew 26:39

And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

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C. Jesus obeyed to fulfill God's plan of salvation

Philippians 2:8

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

II. Obedience Is An Expression of Love



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A. Obedience to God demonstrates our love for Him

John 14:15

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

B. Jesus' obedience was motivated by His love for the Father

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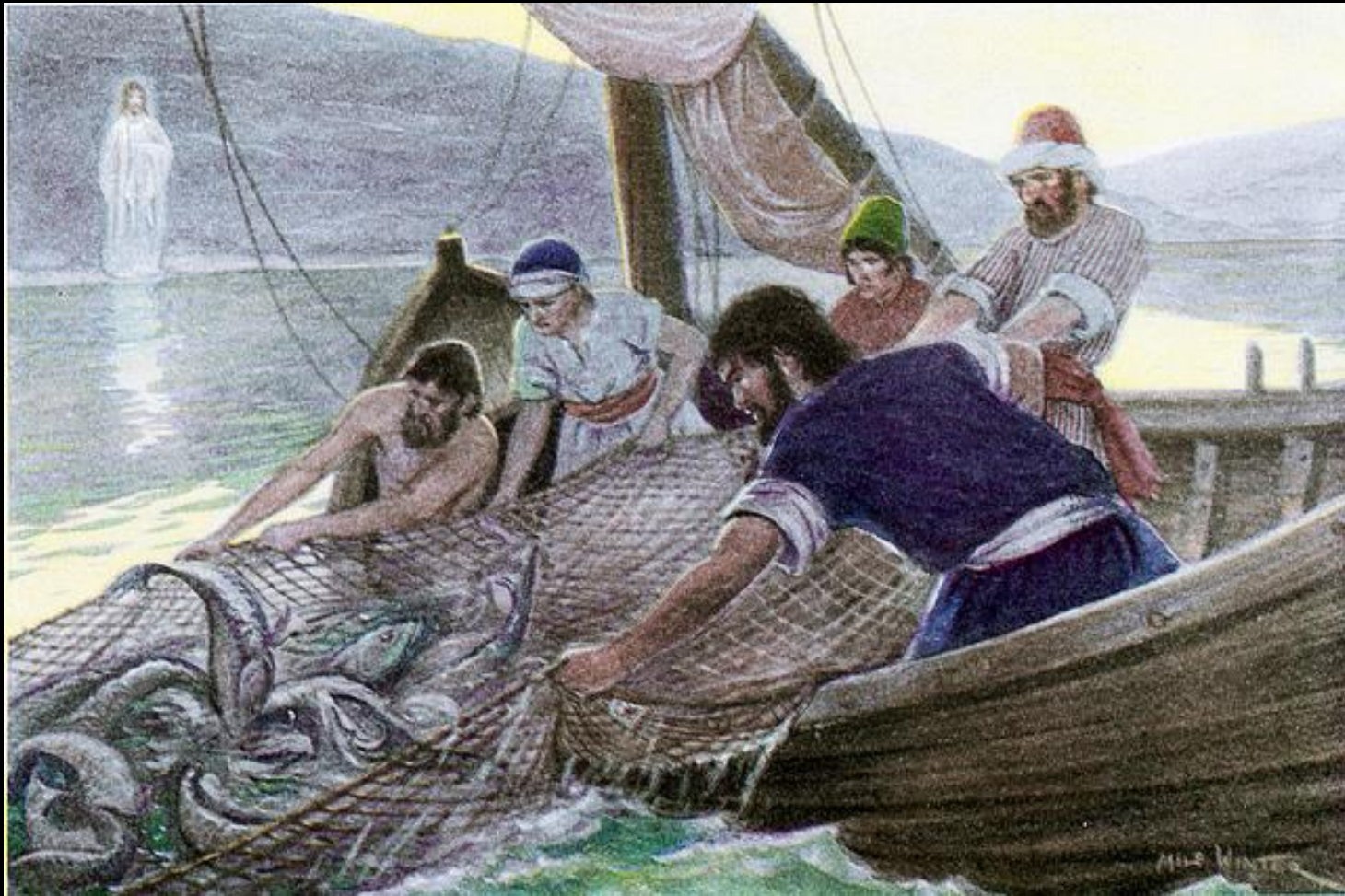
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C. Love and obedience are inseparable in our walk with God

1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

III. We Are Called to Obey as Jesus Obeyed



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A. We are to obey God's commands in all areas of life

Luke 6:46

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

B. Our obedience should be wholehearted

Matthew 22:37

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

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C. Jesus' obedience serves as the perfect model for us

1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.