

Date: Mon August 12, 2026

SCRIPTURES:

1 Samuel 15 (NKJV)

Mark 11 (NKJV)

WORD BANK:

- Obedience
- Sacrifice
- Alignment
- Authority
- Fear of Man
- Heart Posture
- Holy Indignation

HOMework

1. Whose voice has influenced my recent decisions more, God's or people's?
2. Do I care more about being obedient or being approved? Why?
3. What clear instruction has God already given me that I have delayed or negotiated?
4. What does partial obedience look like in my life right now?
5. Read Mark 11

READING GUIDE QUESTIONS

1. As you read Mark 11, who is challenging Jesus' authority, and who recognizes it without question? What do you notice about the difference between them?
2. When Jesus flips the tables in the temple, what does His response reveal about the source of His indignation? Is it emotional, personal, or rooted in something deeper?
3. Throughout the chapter, what actions appear religious on the surface but are confronted by Jesus? What might this reveal about motive versus source?

CHAIN BREAKER PRAYER CHALLENGE

1. Ask God to reveal where your obedience has been partial.
2. Identify areas where fear of man has influenced your decisions.
3. Declare alignment over approval.
4. Ask God to sharpen your spiritual hearing for this season.
5. Pray for courage to obey fully without negotiation.

LIFE APPLICATION CHALLENGE

1. Choose one area where you will intentionally obey God this week.
2. Demonstrate obedience through action, not intention.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Where do obedience and sacrifice get confused in our faith culture?
2. How does fear of man interfere with spiritual authority?