

## MYOB2: Making Disciples

### SCRIPTURE:

***Hebrews 13: 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.***

- This verse reminds us that God doesn't change, Jesus never changes. His standards, His commands, His decrees, His love language has not change and will not change
- God will always require our obedience to all His commands.
- In Judges 2, we find the story of the Israelites now in the Promised Land. After a generation, the Israelites started to turn against God and worship the gods of their enemies.
- This angered God and He removed His protection over the Israelites.
- The Israelites were now reaping the results of their disobedience. Their enemies were constantly coming at the them and they were defeated. They were now living a cursed life – true they were in the Promised Land, but they had no peace, no security. They were defeated and distressed.
- This is true today as it was during the time of the Israelites. We too are living in the Promised Land – but much like the Israelites, we continue to disobey we will likewise live a cursed life of defeat and distress.
- Satan, our enemy keeps overpowering us.
- These effects will continue because the cause continues in our midst.
- When we sow disobedience, we will reap defeat and distress like the Israelites did.
- Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testament has constantly warned us about the cause of these curses. . . and yet we are not learning our lesson.
- Judges 2:1-5 and Romans 12:2 has warned us that we should not be blown over by the world, and end up simply conforming to its standards. We, as followers of Christ, should be set apart. We should be In this world, but not OF this world.
- Is it not time to break the cycle of disobedience and curses?
- If disobedience is the root of the problem, then the simple solution is OBEDIENCE.
- Obedience to God's commands. This is God's love language and can bring us blessings.
- But God requires not partial obedience, He requires COMPLETE and TOTAL OBEDIENCE not to some but to ALL of His commands.
- Deuteronomy 28:1 says ***now it shall be, if you diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.***
- And again in verse 15 ***But it shall come about, if you do not obey the Lord your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:***
- In the New Testament, Jesus too commands us to OBEY ALL in Matthew 28:19-20
- This total obedience to God's commands will bring us not only God's blessings but His very presence in our lives.
- Obeying all of God's commands will transform us so that we become more and more like Christ.
- It is in our becoming more Christ-like that we become set apart, and become a beacon of light in the darkness of this world. So that by our light, we can bring others to Christ.

Why then do we not obey all God's commands?

- We do not obey because we do not see the value of obedience to God's commands.
- We do not see the correlation between obedience and God's blessings.
- We have to understand that obedience will lead to spiritual growth, which would mean that we are being transformed into Christ.

- Obedience to ALL of God’s commands may not be easy. But it is not impossible. The key is simple and can be found in the Great Commission. ***Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.***
- In order for us to teach others to obey God’s commands, we must first be able to obey ourselves.
- We have to model what we teach. We have to be examples to those we are teaching.

Where do we start?

1. Husbands have to start by intentionally discipling your wives
  2. Parents disciple your children
  3. Older siblings disciple the younger siblings.
- It has to start in the family. When families obey all that God has commanded, then they will be able to teach others to do the same. . . and there can be a revival of the Christian movement.





**OBSERVATION:**

Study the passage. What details stand out to you the most? You can also re-write the passage in your own words to make it more personal.

1. Read the bible verses cited above. Which bible verse spoke to you the most?
2. Do we really love God to stop giving excuses on why we cannot disciple others and lead them to Christlikeness?
3. Reflect on: Matthew 28:19-20.

**APPLICATION:**

Patiently listen as God reveals where you can apply the passage’s lesson in your life. Write down specific action points to what He has revealed to you.

	Personal: Is there still any disobedience in my life? What is holding me back from obeying ALL of God’s commands?
	Family: Am I as the husband, intentionally discipling my wife? Are we as parents intentionally discipling our children?
	Discipleship: Do people around you see the love of Jesus? How do you share or emulate the love of Jesus to others? By looking at your life – your words and actions, can they tell you are a follower of Jesus?
	Church/ Ministry: Is God prompting you to work in His ministry? How can you best be a witness of God’s grace and love? How do intend to show that you are a follower of Jesus? (Be specific)

**PRAYERS:**

Lift all the things that you learned back to God. Share your thoughts to Him. If He is impressing a sin in your life, confess it to Him. He is always ready to forgive.