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Every Step

I don't obey you because I should. I don't obey you because I must. **Why then do you obey me?** I obey you because I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. It is no sacrifice for me to follow and obey you. Following and obeying you is what I want to do. It is my joy to hear and obey your commands. I want to know and do your will. Your love guides my desire. Your love sets my course. Your love guides me every day, one step at a time. I will follow you to where you lead me. I will do whatever you ask of me. I want to do what is pleasing to you. **That is very good.**

How will you know if you are walking in my ways? How will you know if you are doing what is pleasing to me? How will you know if you are becoming the person I want you to become? How will you know if you are living the life that I have called you to live? I have an example to follow. **Yes, you do.** I will walk as Jesus walked. I will do what Jesus did. I will think like Jesus thought. I will pray like Jesus prayed. I will give like Jesus gave. I will serve like Jesus served. I will follow and obey you like Jesus followed and obeyed you. Will I do this all perfectly? Not, a chance. Will I be able to live this kind of life on my own, with my own strength? No, not at all. I know that you will be working in my life. You will be molding me and shaping me into who you want me to become. **Yes, I will.** You will give me your power and strength so that I can do what you have given me to do for you. **You can count on me.** In every way and on every day, I will come to rely on you. You are my God and Father. My life is in your hands. I love you only because you loved me first. Your love drives me. Your love compels me. Your love spurs me on. You will make me able to follow and obey you. You will help me to walk as Jesus walked on every day with every step of my life. **Yes, I will.**

Father, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. it is my passionate desire to come to know you. I want to know your will and walk in your ways. I want to do what is pleasing to you. I will follow and obey you. I will walk just as Jesus walked. Amen

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

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NIV

1 John 2:3-6

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

NLT

1 John 2:3-6

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked.

NRSV

1 John 2:3-6

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

And this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep (bear in mind, observe, practice) His teachings (precepts, commandments). Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep *and* obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him. But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of *and* for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him: Whoever says he abides in Him ought [as a personal debt] to walk *and* conduct himself in the same way in which He walked *and* conducted Himself.

AMP

1 John 2:3-6

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

NASB

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Rhythms

Obey - Walk

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ESV

1 John 2:3-6

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

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NKJV

1 John 2:3-6

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

Here's how we can be sure that we know God in the right way: Keep his commandments. If someone claims, "I know him well!" but doesn't keep his commandments, he's obviously a liar. His life doesn't match his words. But the one who keeps God's word is the person in whom we see God's mature love. This is the only way to be sure we're in God. Anyone who claims to be intimate with God ought to live the same kind of life Jesus lived.

MSG

1 John 2:3-6

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By looking within ourselves: are we really trying to do what he wants us to? Someone may say, "I am a Christian; I am on my way to heaven; I belong to Christ." But if he doesn't do what Christ tells him to, he is a liar. But those who do what Christ tells them to will learn to love God more and more. That is the way to know whether or not you are a Christian. Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did.

TLB

1 John 2:3-6

Rhythms

Obey - Walk

We can be sure that we know God if we obey his commands. Anyone who says, "I know God," but does not obey God's commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if someone obeys God's teaching, then in that person God's love has truly reached its goal. This is how we can be sure we are living in God: Whoever says that he lives in God must live as Jesus lived.

NCV

1 John 2:3-6

Obey – Walk

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Rhythms – 1 John 2:3-6

In Context: Read 1 John 2

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Father, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. it is my passionate desire to come to know you. I want to know your will and walk in your ways. I want to do what is pleasing to you. I will follow and obey you. I will walk just as Jesus walked. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you making it the rhythm of your life to obey God and walk as Jesus walked?

How has obeying God and walking as Jesus walked helped you to come to know Him?

How has God blessed your life as you have obeyed Him and walked as Jesus walked?

Why can you not walk as Jesus walked if you are not willing to obey God?

Why will you never come to know God if you do not obey Him and walk as Jesus walked?

Where has God led you as you have obeyed Him and walked as Jesus walked?

What has God given you to do as you have obeyed God and walked as Jesus walked?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it the rhythm of your life to obey God and walk as Jesus walked so you can come to know Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will come to know God as you obey Him and walk as Jesus walked.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how obeying God has helped you to come to know Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you obey God and walk as Jesus did.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will obey you and walk as you did.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I obey you and walk as you did.
