

# Discipleship 101

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## Free to Obey

A person can be touched and made new by Jesus and still not be a disciple. One common aspect of discipleship is actually doing what the rabbi tells one to do. But what happens when the disciple knows better than the rabbi? The answer is: they cease to be a disciple. But what is needed when the disciple thinks they know better than the rabbi? The answer is...they need obedience.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Last week we talked about the fact that having a duty as a disciple is a privilege, and doing that duty is a freedom. We were encouraged to spend at least 20 minutes in our prayer every day, because whether I pray or not is equivalent to whether I am a disciple or not. How has my prayer life been this past week?
  2. What was a rule that you had growing up that you hated following? Is there a rule that your parents enforced as a kid that you didn't like, but can appreciate their reasoning now?
  3. Do I "check in" with God in prayer to see what His plans are with certain relationships, tasks, or areas in my life? Do I trust Him enough to let Him respond? Or is it a "it's better to beg forgiveness than ask for permission" kind of relationship?
  4. Is there something in my life that God has asked or is asking me to do that I am really struggling with finding freedom and joy in trusting and obeying Him with it? Please share.
    - A. Spend some time in prayer, peacefully and joyfully and humbly bringing those things to Jesus. What is His response?
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## God in Real Life

Print this text of the Nicene Creed. Pray this prayer, sign your name to it, and place it somewhere that reminds you, "This is what I believe. This is my Creed. This is going to cost something someday, and so I am going to sign my name on this today. This is what I stand for. And this is who I stand with."

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## To the Heart

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Mark 1:44



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I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, **THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,**  
*maker of heaven and earth,*  
**OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.**

I BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BORN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL AGES.

**GOD FROM GOD, *Light from Light,***

**TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD,**

BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER;

**THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE.**

FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION *he came down from heaven,*

**AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,*

**AND BECAME MAN.**

**FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,**

HE SUFFERED DEATH AND WAS BURIED,

*and rose again on the third day*

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES.**

HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.

**HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY**

*to judge the living and the dead*

**AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.**

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,*

WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON,

WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON IS ADORED AND GLORIFIED,

*who has spoken through the prophets.*

I BELIEVE IN ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

**I CONFESS ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

*and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead*

**AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME.**

*Amen.*