

Two Readings on Obedience

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*By myself I can do nothing. . .
I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. John 5:30*

Father, obedience is a big word. I read of Jesus' single-minded obedience, from His words, "I must be about my Father's business", to "Nevertheless, thy will not mine be done", and I know how far from true obedience I am.

I obey out of fear more often than desire. I question obedience when it doesn't fit with my life plan.

When I sense the Holy Spirit nudging me to do something that makes sense and feels good, I find obedience delightful -- but, obedience when it will cost me?

Then I know my sinfulness!

Father, if there is ever to be the kind of obedience in my heart and life that Jesus lived, it will only come as I lose myself in Him, won't it? Only as He becomes more precious to me than my personal desires?

It is only then, isn't it Father, that obedience becomes my first, not my last, thought?

For this we pray.

Amen