



## **CHURCH@HOME MAY 2017**

### **THE POWER & BLESSING OF OBEDIENCE (I)**

#### **OBEDIENCE PROVOKES THE SUPERNATURAL.**

**READ: Luke 5:1-5; 1<sup>st</sup> Sam 15: 1-26, Gen 22:1-18**

*(Luk 5:3) And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.*

#### **A. IN ORDER FOR GOD TO RELEASE HIS BLESSINGS TO US WE MUST VALUE THE PRIORITIES OF GOD.**

- The vessel that God uses is the vessel that God blesses. Peter released his vessel for Jesus to use and that set him up for a miracle. (Luk 5:1-5)
- When you allow Jesus to use your vessel, your talent or your possessions He positions you for a miracle and for a visitation.
- When you bear God's ark by being a faithful servant in the kingdom of God and you have an intimate relationship with the presence of God, He sets you up for a miracle.

#### **B. TWO THINGS DETERMINE THE WORK THAT GOD DOES IN OUR LIVES:**

- a. What God wants to do.
- b. How we approach Him and the expectation we have for what He wants to do.

#### **C. OBEDIENCE IS A VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION.**

- God does not force us, He allows us to walk in our free will. But then He makes demands on His people. (Gen 2:15-17)
- Obeying God unlocks the blessings of God into our lives. (Gen22:1-18)
- When we disobey God, we block out the blessings of God and negate the power of the covenant. (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 15:12-23)
- Continuously disobeying God results in a self imposed curse. E.g. Saul.
- Obedience keeps the covenant of God active in our lives.

#### **Suggestions for Open Discussion:**

1. ***Look for areas in your life in which you have been disobedient to God and what steps you are taking to grow in obedience?***
2. ***"To obey is better than sacrifice". Discuss.***
3. ***How can you stop generational curses from descending into your life and the lives of your children?***