

Obedience

Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.—Hebrews 5:7-8

When my children were young we learned the song *OBEDIENCE*. It begins with “*Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe*”. James tells us that we are to be doers of the word. We are to take action to do what God commands.

There are times and things that we face that may make it difficult to obey. We face decisions that are not easy. Like the person that wants to eat the whole pecan pie but knows it is not good for him. What we want is not always what we should do.

Until last week I had not thought about Jesus’ facing temptation not to endure the cross. I believe that I had focused on the love that made Him go to the cross and my sin that had caused Him to be there. I never thought about His vehement cries and tears as He prayed that God the Father would make another way.

The verse in Hebrews tells us that He prayed and cried in anguish that the Father would save Him from the death on the cross. But in His great love He was *obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross* (Philippians 2:8).