

**Series Title: Month of  
Advancing Through  
Obedience**

**Sermon Title:  
Obedience Is a Kingdom  
Accelerator**

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**“SET FREE BY THE WORD”**

# The Year of Advancement & Establishment

Isaiah 54:2-3




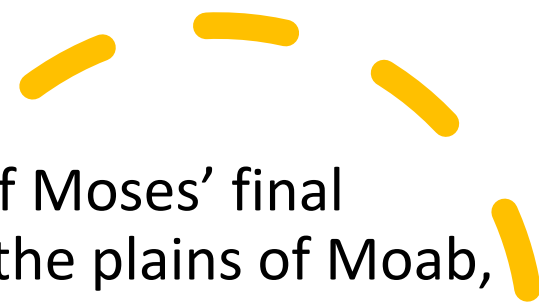
## Theme: The Year of Advancement and Establishment

- **Reference:** Isaiah 54:2–3 (NKJV)
- "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited."

# Sermon Title: Obedience Is a Kingdom Accelerator

**Deuteronomy 28:1 (NKJV)**

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.” —



## Key Background — Deuteronomy 28:1 (NKJV)

- **Deuteronomy 28:1** is part of Moses' final address to the Israelites on the plains of Moab, just before they entered the Promised Land.
- Moses, speaking under God's authority, renews the covenant and explains the blessings of obedience and the consequences of disobedience.
- This verse introduces the blessings section (Deut. 28:1–14), making it clear that Israel's elevation among nations was not based on power or merit, but on covenant faithfulness—carefully listening to and obeying the voice of the LORD.



# Key Background — Deuteronomy 28:1 (NKJV) cont...

God's promise to "set you high above all nations" reflects His purpose for Israel to live as a visible testimony of His rule, goodness, and holiness in the earth.



In short, the verse establishes a foundational biblical principle: obedience to God's word positions His people to experience His favor, influence, and divine advancement—not for pride, but for His glory.

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# OPENING ILLUSTRATION

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A traveler once set out to climb a mountain guided by a local expert. But halfway up, he began to ignore the guide's directions—taking shortcuts, questioning every turn. The result?

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He ended up lost, tired, and far from the summit. When the guide finally found him, he simply said, "If you had followed me, you would already be at the top."

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Our human hearts often act the same. We think our wisdom can lead us faster or better—but our detours delay us.

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Christ is the faithful Guide who not only knows the way but is the Way. Obedience to Him isn't a burden—it's the shortest path to destiny.

# INTRODUCTION

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We all want to advance—to see God’s promises fulfilled in our lives. But many believers stall because obedience feels difficult, restrictive, or slow. We want the reward without the requirement.

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Yet the Word teaches us: obedience is not a delay—it’s acceleration. It is the divine pathway to elevation.

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**The struggle lies in this:** we often try to obey by our own strength. But human effort alone always falls short.

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That’s why Christ came—to make obedience possible from the inside out. His Spirit enables what our flesh resists.

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# INTRODUCTION cont...

Today, through Deuteronomy 28:1 and John 14:21, we'll see two truths:

1. Obedience shortens journeys

2. Resistance delays reward

**Transition:** "God's Word does not only show us the problem—it shows us what to do, and reveals Christ as the One who enables us."

# 1. Obedience Shortens Journeys



**Scriptural Support:** “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God...” — Deuteronomy 28:1 (NKJV)




“And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” — Deuteronomy 28:2 (NKJV)



**Explanation:** When we walk in obedience, God accelerates His promises. The Israelites’ journey from Egypt to Canaan was meant to take days—but disobedience turned it into decades.



Every step outside God’s direction adds unnecessary distance. But Christ shows us another way.



# 1. Obedience Shortens Journeys cont...

- He lived in perfect obedience—not as a legalistic rule-keeper, but as a Son who trusted His Father’s heart.
- “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me.” — John 4:34 (NKJV)
- Through Christ, obedience becomes relational, not mechanical. He gives us His Spirit so that obedience flows from love, not fear.
- When you follow His voice, you don’t lose time—you redeem it.

## 2. Resistance Delays Reward

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**Scriptural Support:** “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” — John 14:21 (NKJV)



**Explanation:** Disobedience isn't just breaking rules—it's blocking revelation. Jesus links love and obedience, not as conditions, but as expressions of relationship.



When we resist His leading, we delay not only blessings but His manifest presence in our lives.

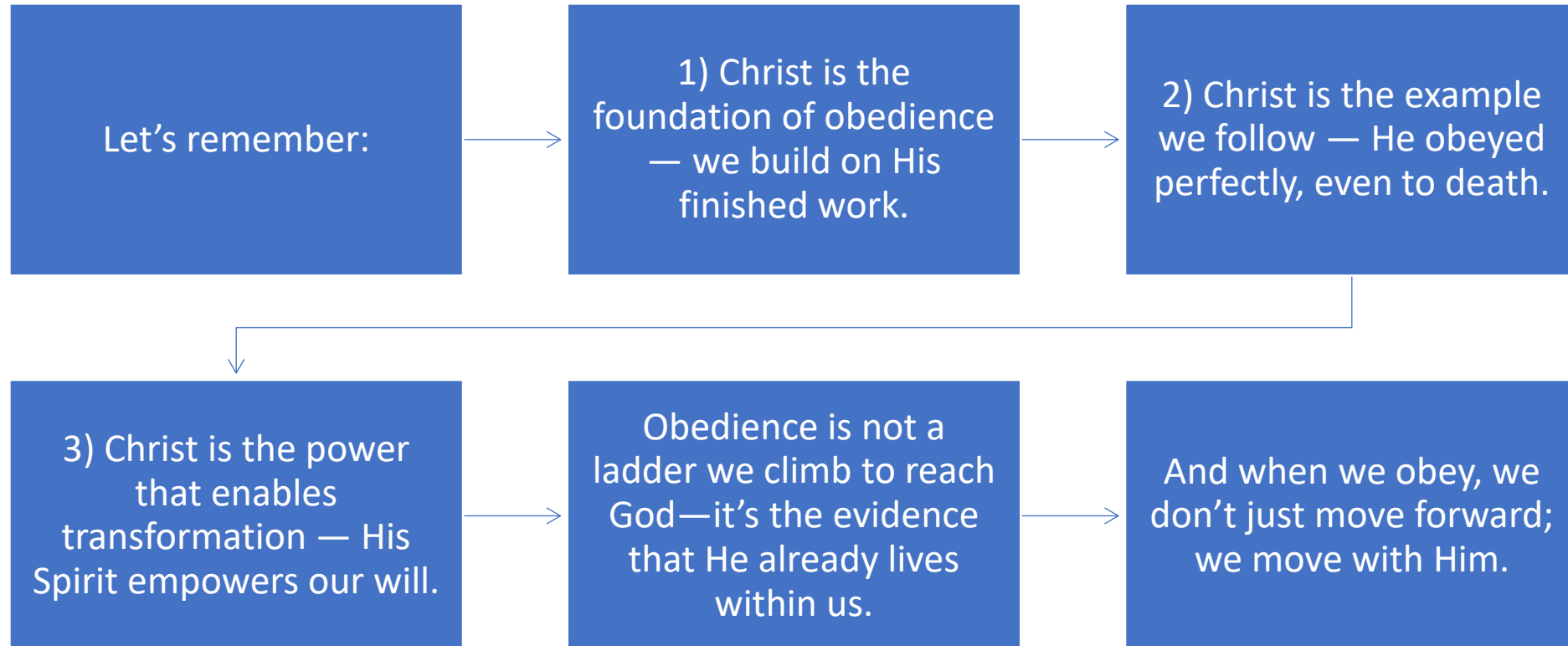
## 2. Resistance Delays Reward cont...

Think of Peter before the cross—resisting Jesus’ path to suffering. His heart was sincere but misguided. Only after surrender did he discover resurrection power.

Likewise, when we yield to Christ—when we say, “Not my will, but Yours be done”—our waiting turns into witnessing.

The reward of obedience isn’t just what God gives—it’s who He reveals: Christ Himself.

# CONCLUSION



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- **Prayer, Denouncing and renouncing, Affirmation, and Prophetic Utterance**
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# Short Prayer

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Lord Jesus, we surrender our will to You today. Teach us to hear Your voice clearly and give us grace to obey from the heart.



Where we have resisted, forgive us; where we have delayed, realign us.



We trust that obedience in You brings life, acceleration, and blessing. Strengthen us by Your Spirit to walk fully in Your will. Amen.

# Declarations

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1. I declare that my obedience to God accelerates His purpose in my life, and I will not wander in delay.

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2. I declare that Christ is my strength to obey, and I do not rely on my own effort or understanding.

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3. I declare that as I obey the voice of the Lord, His blessings overtake my life and glorify Him.

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4. I declare that resistance is broken, surrender is restored, and my life is aligned with God's will in Christ.

# The End!



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