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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Stuff Jesus Said: Episode 7 – The Jesus Peace
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John 14:23-24a

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Intro: God is not wanting you to “ULTIMATELY” live according to obedience.

- **WHY?**
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Loving To Obey:

- **Psalm 119:47-48** *⁴⁷ For I delight in your commands because I love them. ⁴⁸ I reach out for your commands, which I love, that I may meditate on your decrees.*
- **Psalm 40:8** *“I desire to do your will, my God; Your law is within my heart.”*

Obedience is the road God’s love and presence travel upon.

- **Vs. 23-24a** *Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.*

Obedience is a category 5 spiritual hurricane that releases a storm surge of God’s freedom and peace into your life.

Question: How do we find the balance between obedience and legalism?

The answer is found in the mission and the work of the Holy Spirit.

- **Vs. 25-26** *“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*
 - Being Holy Spirit led, not "law" led.
 - “The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and remind you of everything”

This passage gives a spiritual equation that exponentially multiplies peace as a result of following the Spirit's leading into obedience: **Holy Spirit Guidance + Obedience = Peace**

Jesus likens doing the will of the Father to being satisfied with a meal.

- John 4:34 *“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.*

Have you ever experienced the rush of comfort, peace and blessing that comes with obedience?

Food For The Journey: New Community Groups Begin Sept. 18th. Use these questions to go deep in one of them or in personal reflection.

1. Pastor Adam said that God does not want us to live “ultimately”, but rather by a free will decision that follows God's commands for the sheer delight of it. What is the difference?
2. David said in the Psalms that he delights in the law of the Lord? What if any laws of God do you delight in?
3. Pastor Adam stated that the Holy Spirit's mission is to help guide us in following the law. How do we discern this leading and is it ever possible to be legalistic under the Spirit's leadership?
4. Have you ever experienced the rush of comfort, peace and blessing that comes with obedience?
5. What does Jesus mean when he says that doing God's will is like food for him? What does this mean for us?