

**SERIOUSLY #4**  
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***“Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.” Deuteronomy 30:11-16 NIV***

**GOD \_\_\_\_\_ . (not beyond reach)**

**GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ . (near you/obey it )**

**GOD \_\_\_\_\_ . (set before you)**

**GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ . (then...possess)**

***“This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life.” Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NIV***

**THE LESSON OF THE DISCIPLES: JESUS HAS “ENERGY” SURROUNDING YOUR IDENTITY**

***“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.***

***“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.” Luke 6:43-49 NIV***

**IN THE END \_\_\_\_\_ .**

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***You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.”***

***Psalm 119:4-6 NIV***

**The Bottom Line For God’s Man: Obedience Is Thicker Than Blood**

***While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” Matthew 12:46-50 NIV***

THERE IS \_\_\_\_\_ PRIVILEGE AND CLOSENESS

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*“In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.” Hebrews 2:10-11 NIV*

**GOD’S GOAL FOR GOD’S MAN: KEEP IT SIMPLE**

*“The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” Even as he spoke, many believed in him.” John 8:29-30 NIV*

*“This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.” 1 John 4:17 NIV*

FIND OUT \_\_\_\_\_.

DO \_\_\_\_\_!

BECOME \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.” Romans 8:29 NIV*

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHY DO WE MAKE GOD’S WILL COMPLICATED OR CONFUSING?

WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS HAS SO MUCH SURROUNDING SPIRITUAL CLAIMS AND OUR ACTUAL CONDUCT?

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONFRONTED BY JESUS LIKE THE DISCIPLES? HOW?

HOW DOES BECOMING LIKE JESUS HELP WITH OUR OBEDIENCE?

WHAT IS ONE CLEAR “TAKEAWAY” FOR YOU THAT YOU WILL/NEED TO APPLY?