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  - **I Sam. 15:22** – God wants obedience before all else
  - **Deut. 26:16** – Source of obedience should be from the heart

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- **God desires sincere obedience**
  - Love should be a motivating factor to provide the “want to”
    - **Deut. 5:10, Deut. 10:12-16** – Love God and keep His commandments
    - **Jn. 14:15, I Jn. 5:2-3** – If we love Christ we will keep commands
    - **Psm. 119:47-48, 127-131** – Love the work, love being obedient (worship, etc.)

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - ...in everyday life? **Jas. 1:22**
    - **Prayer/Praise**
      - Pray often, sincerely, not just “routine” (food, etc)
    - **Be an example to others**
      - Invite people to church because you care
      - Others need to see someone who loves living as a Christian
      - Be mindful of your example; circumspect
      - Be a blessing to others!

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - ...in everyday life? **Jas. 1:22**
    - **Contact with brethren:**
      - Who have fallen away, **Jas. 5:19-20**
      - Who are struggling with issues
      - To spend time together, get to know one another
    - **Let brethren encourage us!**

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - ...in everyday life? **Jas. 1:22**
    - **Put on the helmet of salvation:**
      - Remind yourself that this is not your home, you look forward to Heaven
      - Don't let life get you down – stay focused on the goal
    - **Read God's Word everyday:**
      - Help in trial, temptation, discouragement, weariness, etc

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - ...in worship? **John 4:24**
    - **Prayer**
      - Concentrate on the words being said
    - **Singing**
      - Words first, notes second
    - **Lord's Supper**
      - Thoughts of Christ, His death, what He did for us
      - Say another prayer

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- **How do we apply this...**
  - ...in worship? **John 4:24**
    - **Contribution**
      - Joy in knowing that we are helping the work of the Lord
    - **Studying God's word (sermon, class)**
      - Be devoted to learning and applying



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- **My goal:**
  - **Be motivated to live faithfully as a Christian**
  - **Be “zealous for good works”**
  - **Have joy when I am doing what I’m supposed to be doing and do it because I love God**
  - **Give God my best – Malachi 1:6-9, 12-13**