

JUST AS THE LORD COMMANDED

-Ryan Parsons-

It's hard to read the Bible without finding some heroes. Contained within its pages, we discover story after story of extraordinary events. We find inspiring people who do mighty things. Each time I read, I re-discover characters who inspire me. As I begin to feel an affinity to their character, personality, and disposition, I have to ask myself the question, "Why?"

Reading in Exodus this go-round, I think I have found what my answer should be.

Exodus 7:6

Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them.

Does it seem over-simplistic? Not really. I have to be honest with myself. How often could that same thing be said of me?

Obedient - Doing things just as commanded

Compliant - Doing all things commanded without adding my spin or flair

Precise - Doing ALL the things I am commanded exactly as requested

Faithful - Trusting that God knows what he is doing as I obey what he commands

Jesus is the best hero and the perfect example of doing things just as God commanded.

Philippians 2:8

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Peter urged Christians into this type of life as well.

1 Peter 1:13-16

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

When it happens, it is a beautiful thing, and it is something to rejoice in!

Romans 6:17-18

17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

May God bless you as you strive to be obedient, compliant, precise, and faithful to the Lord!

Keep Studying,

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