<u>The Liberty of Obedience</u>
Acts 5:29
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<u>Sermon Notes</u>

- Disciples order their lives around one non-negotiable principle – love for God - expressed in obedience (John 14:15).
- Obedience is the doorway to freedom.
- God's call for obedience, seen correctly, is more invitation than ultimatum. If He cannot command us, how will He transform us?
- The alternative to obedience isn't independence - but slavery to sin. Obedience doesn't destroy individuality.
- Obedience opens the door for God to reveal and restore your unique personality and purpose.
- To obey God is to grow in knowledge of Him. As you come to know Him better, you trust Him more. As you trust Him more, it becomes easier to obey.
- To learn obedience to God, we must:
    - Study the Word of God (Psalm 1:1-3).
    - Learn to wait upon God in prayer (Isaiah 40:31).
    - Understand obedience often means a head-on collision with human reasoning and values (Proverbs 1:7).
    - Understand God will occasionally allow us to walk in the dark so we learn to trust Him (Proverbs 3:5-6).
    - Expect struggles (Romans 7:15-25).
    - Learn to leave the consequences of obedience to God (Proverbs 16:3).
- "His commands are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). "In keeping of them there is great reward" (Psalm 19:11).
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