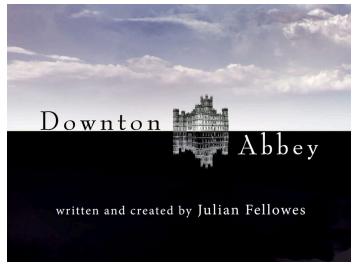


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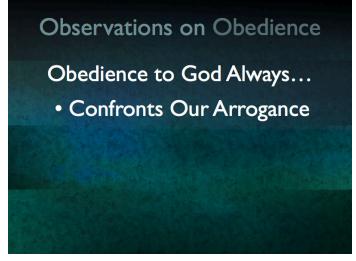
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But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper."

—2 Kings 5:11 ESV

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom. Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor. Proverbs 8:13, 11:2, 16:18, 29;23 ESV

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<sup>6</sup>But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. — James 4:6-8 ESV

## Observations on Obedience

Obedience to God Always...

- Confronts Our Arrogance
- Requires Deference

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<sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your

ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. —Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. —Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

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## Observations on Obedience

Obedience to God Always...

- Confronts Our Arrogance
- Requires Deference
- Reveals His Providence

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<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. —I Corinthians 1:26-29 ESV

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## Observations on Obedience

## Obedience to God Always...

- Confronts Our Arrogance
- Requires Deference
- Reveals His Providence
- Experiences His Grace