

Scripture Focus: Luke 6:46–49 (The Two Builders)

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ 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.

⁴⁹ 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.”

Summary

Active obedience is the process by which an apprentice aligns their entire life with the reality of Jesus. It rests on a foundation of allegiance, behaviour, and commitment. Allegiance goes beyond simple belief; it makes Jesus the true leader of one's life and ensures His voice has the final say in our decisions. Behaviours involve participating in spiritual practices, such as solitude, service, and prayer, which help us move from knowing about faith to actually living it out. Finally, commitment is a deep dedication to God's path and His people, inviting us to be fully open with both the Lord and our church community.

Inward

- Jesus asks, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" What is one clear command of Jesus that you find intellectually agreeable but have been hesitant to put into practice?
- If you are honest, when "torrents" or "floods" (difficult seasons or crises) hit your life, what does your immediate reaction reveal about the foundation you have been building on?
- What is one practical, small step of obedience you can take this week to move from being a "hearer" of the Word to a "doer"?

Outward

- How does this value of active obedience challenge our current church culture, and what would it look like for us to embody this more fully in our local neighbourhood?
- What is one way we can hold each other accountable or support one another in living out this value as a community this week?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for resilience to build our lives on the foundation of Jesus.
- Ask that the barriers that stop us from living out lives that reflect God's character be torn down.
- Cry out that we will be a community who lives out God's mission for us and not just stand by idle.