

# Obedience- Saying Yes When God Speaks

Obedience isn't always loud. For me, it started with a whisper.

I had built a full, busy life as a teacher, wife, and mom of three. I loved what I did. I poured myself into my students, my coworkers, and my community. We built a restaurant and coffee shop at our school, ran a catering business, and even started a BBQ team that made it on TV. From the outside, things looked great. But inside, I was exhausted.

I was giving my best to everyone else and leaving nothing for my husband, my kids, or my time with the Lord. I was just surviving one day to get to the next, telling myself that rest and family time would come after the next project or the next event. But that "after" never came.

In the summer of 2024, I was serving at Student Camp. One night during worship, I watched my daughter singing — eyes closed, hands open. And in that quiet moment, the Holy Spirit spoke to me. He whispered, "You only get a few more years with her. How do you want her to remember her childhood? What do you want to model for her — seeking approval from the world or from Me?"

That whisper changed me. I called my husband that night and said, "Something's different. God changed me."

After camp, I started saying yes to the little things He was asking of me. I started reading Scripture daily with The Bible Recap. I quit drinking alcohol — at first just for 100 days, but that yes turned into over a year. I started praying more freely and sharing God's Word with others. I began to really listen for His voice.

Then in the spring of 2024, our middle daughter was hospitalized. During that week, I spent long, quiet hours with God. When she recovered and I walked back into my school kitchen, I knew instantly — I was done teaching. I felt His whisper again:

*"I created you to be more than this exhausted, watered-down version of yourself that's just trying to survive every day. Don't you know how much more I have planned for you, my daughter?"*

I didn't have a plan for what would come next, but I had peace. I said yes.

Leaving teaching was terrifying — I loved my students, my coworkers, and my school. But obedience meant trusting God more than my own comfort. And as I stepped out, He began to provide in ways I couldn't have imagined — clients, kitchen space, a BBQ trailer, and opportunities I never saw coming.

Now my days look so different. I'm still busy, but I'm not striving. My family gets my first and best. My mornings begin with God, but so do my afternoons and evenings. I hear His voice more clearly now because I've learned how to be still enough to listen.

That's what obedience has looked like in my life — a series of small yeses that led to peace, purpose, and a deeper relationship with the One who loves me most.

## **Seek Him.**

*“I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.” (Psalm 34:4)*

When I finally slowed down enough to seek Him, I realized He had been waiting all along.

## **Listen for Him.**

*“The Lord... was not in the wind... not in the earthquake... not in the fire... and after the fire came a gentle whisper.” (1 Kings 19:11–12)*

God doesn't always shout. He whispers. And when I got still enough to listen, I found His voice gentle but firm, full of love and direction.

## **Act for Him.**

*“...And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)*

Like Esther, obedience required courage — the kind that pushes past fear. Saying yes wasn't easy, but God met me in every step.

Obedience changed my life. It realigned my heart and reminded me that God's plan is always better than mine. When He speaks — even in a whisper — I've learned to say yes.

## **PRAYER**

Lord, thank You for speaking even when I'm too busy to listen.

Help me to seek You with all my heart and quiet my soul enough to hear Your whisper.

Give me the courage to obey when You call, even when I don't see the full picture.

Teach me to trust Your plan more than my own.

I want my life to say yes to You — every single time You speak.

Amen.

## **TRUTH DECLARATIONS**

- I seek the Lord, and He answers me.
- God's whisper is worth slowing down for.
- My obedience is my worship.
- I will choose courage over comfort.
- God's plan is better than mine, even when I don't understand it.
- When I say yes, He provides everything I need.

## **FURTHER READING**

- Psalm 34:4 – Seek the Lord; He delivers from fear.
- 1 Kings 19:11–12 – God speaks in a gentle whisper.
- Esther 4:14–16 – Courage to obey when it costs something.
- John 14:15 – “If you love Me, you will keep My commands.”
- James 1:22 – Be doers of the Word, not hearers only.
- Proverbs 3:5–6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
- Luke 11:28 – Blessed are those who hear and obey.