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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

## Lord? Listening, Doing, and Building

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### What comes to mind when you hear the title Lord?

#### Luke 6:46 (NIV)

*"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"*

### Why don't I do what he says?

#### 1 John 5:1-3 (NIV)

*<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,*

### Obedience is not perfection

"In the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship [...] is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive. If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough...Worship your body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly. And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before they finally plant you...Worship power, you will end up feeling weak and afraid, and you will need ever more power over others to numb you to your own fear. Worship your intellect, being seen as smart, you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found out. But the insidious thing about these forms of worship is not that they're evil or sinful, it's that they're unconscious. They are default settings. They're the kind of worship you just gradually slip into, day after day."

– David Foster Wallace, commencement '05

### **Luke 6:47-49 (NIV)**

*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."*

### **Digging:**

- Apprenticeship
- Worship = practiced obedience
- Taking the plank out of your own eye (Luke 6:41-42)
- Tested, sturdy, weather storms well
- "No accidental saints"

### **Building on the sand:**

- Hear ≠ do
- Haphazardly, hurried, rushed
- "Microwave, sprinkle Jesus"
- Fingers crossed
- Fragile, delicate

### **James 1:22-25 (NIV)**

*22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.*

- **Is he Lord of your life?**
- **Do you do what he says?**
- **Does obedience feel like a burden or worship?**

## Reflection Questions:

- 1) What are the reasons you don't do what he says? (Luke 6:46)
- 2) What's your natural posture towards obedience?
- 3) Where are you practicing obedience to Jesus? In what areas of your life should you begin?



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