"If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways, how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes! Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Psalm 81:13-16

# PUSH TWO BUTTONS AND PLUG IT IN

# OBEDIENCE IS PERSONAL TO GOD

But oh, that my people would listen to me! Oh, that Israel would follow me, walking in my paths! Psalm 81:13 (NLT)

# OBEDIENCE WAS PERSONAL TO JESUS

"If you love me, you will obey what I command."

John 14:15

# OBEDIENCE WAS PERSONAL TO DAVID

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Psalm 51:4

# OBEDIENCE WAS PERSONAL TO JOSEPH

No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

Genesis 39:9-10

# OBEDIENCE IS PERSONAL TO GOD

Our obedience is strongest when we attach it to our relationship with God.

# OBEDIENCE IS AN ACTIVE REALITY

But oh, that my people would listen to me! Oh, that Israel would follow me, walking in my paths! Psalm 81:13 (NLT)

# ACTIVE MEANS LISTENING, FOLLOWING, WALKING

Listening – Accepting Counsel Following – Surrendering Control Walking – Taking Steps

# Remember Grace is <u>in</u> the step of faith.

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-13

# Beware of always making excuses.

# OBEDIENCE ACCELERATES BLESSING

How quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes! Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you." Psalm 81:14-16

### OBEDIENCE ACCELERATES:

Victory over the enemy

### OBEDIENCE ACCELERATES:

Receiving God's best

### OBEDIENCE ACCELERATES:

Satisfaction from the hardest places