

It is Better to Obey than Sacrifice.

“Whatever he saith unto you do it”, this was Mary’s instructions to the fledgling disciples.

John 2 v 3

Filling water jars is not so difficult “Fill the pots with water was the command of the Lord Jesus. Anyone could do it! When we obey Gods word, miracles quickly follow. They must do. The Centurion answered him and said, Lord I am not worthy that thou should enter under my roof; but speak the word only and my servant shall be healed”.

Mathew 8 v 8

Imagine a general ordering his crack troops into battle. It is a difficult situation, they refuse to go. How can he win the battle? Would he win the war?

I told my salesmen, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going”.

“And Samuel said, what meaneth this bleating of sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of oxen which I hear? God had commanded Saul, through he Prophet Samuel, now go and smite Am’a’lek and utterly destroy all they have, and spare them not, slay both man and woman. Infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass”.

1 Samuel 31 v 6

When we allow things to live in our heart, whatever reasons we us, for not crucifying the flesh, we stand convicted, just like Saul. The flesh profiteth nothing. The old man, the old ways, the old lifestyle must go. “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”. If we allow the old man to continue to live in our hearts, in some secret hidden compartment, then, like the old Am’a’lek, he will rise again, in some weak moment, and find us out.

Galatians 2 v 20

Lessons from Saul

Saul had disobeyed and eventually it cost him dear. What a price he paid! He lost his family, his crown and his Kingdom. What a tragedy!

2 Samuel 1 v 5 to 12

Soldiers are trained to obey. The Apostle’s seeking to preach the Word of God were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to go to Asia. “The Spirit suffered them not”.

Acts 16 v 7

Orders are order, the general has the bigger picture, and we see only the detail in our local circumstances. The Apostles were spirit filled men. Yet they were forbidden to go. What would have happened if they had foolishly gone ahead to Asia? Preaching Gods word is vital, but I believe we, as the disciple of old did, should be led by the spirit. “As many as are led by the Spirit, they are the Sons of God”.

Romans 8 v 14

God knows what he is doing, “I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”

Mathew 16 v 18

All that is done in, fleshly activity, done in the effort of the flesh, shall be burned up. The wood, the hay the stubble. “Every man’s work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is”.

1 Corinthians 3 v 13