

Dependent Obedience
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Greater Works? (John 14:12)

Jesus said we would do “greater works” not because we surpass Him in power, but because the Holy Spirit multiplies His life through us. His ministry was local; through the Spirit, ours becomes global.

Love + Obedience (John 14:15, 21, 23–24)

Jesus connects love and obedience four times. Love and obedience are inseparable. The word 'keep' means to guard, treasure, and hold as precious.

Obedience does not create love—love produces obedience.

Dependence on the Spirit (John 14:16–20, 26)

Jesus promises another Helper—the Holy Spirit—who is with us and in us, our Advocate, Counselor, Defender, and Strengthener.

We are not expected to obey in our own strength.

The Sail and the Wind

We do not row our way into spiritual growth by effort.

We raise our sail through obedience and allow the Spirit’s wind to move us.

Dependent obedience is loving Jesus enough to guard His words and trusting the Holy Spirit enough to empower our lives so that greater works can flow through us.