

**“Possessing True JOY”**  
**Philippians: A Book Study**  
*“The Ticket to Freedom is Obedience”*  
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**Text: 2:8b**

*<sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*  
(ESV)

Our book of Philippians is a book of paradoxes. The ticket to freedom is obedience. Freedom comes through yielding our will to God and obeying a set of rules. Jesus stated it clearly, *“If you love Me, you will obey My commands.”* (John 15:10).

Our text here in Philippians 2 says simply that Jesus *humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* The submissive mind was translated into action on the part of the Son of God.

**OBEDIENCE IS KEY**

**OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMANDS**

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God’s commands flow out His love for us. They are designed to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMANDS**

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Recommended reading: Brennan Manning’s *Ruthless Trust* (Harper). Personally, one of the most challenging pieces I’ve ever read.