

## “To obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22).



**A** LOT OF PEOPLE TRY TO GO AHEAD IN THEIR OWN STRENGTH and their own wisdom and do what they think is God’s will and God’s work, but we can’t *serve* God unless we *obey* God. We can’t just do what we think is right, no matter how good it might be. Our best isn’t good enough; it takes God to really do the job right. Our best, your own human strength or supposed wisdom, is not sufficient.

Do exactly what the Lord tells you—no more and no less. King Saul thought he could do better than that, and he lost his job. He had God’s anointing and blessing as long as he obeyed and waited on the Lord, but when he started going his own way and disobeying, he lost it (1 Samuel 15:1–23).

There’s no “little” disobedience to God. Any disobedience is a big one. Nothing short of right is right. It’s either all or nothing at all with God. You’re either obedient or disobedient. God’s Word says, “Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 5:19).

Wait and obey. That’s one of the most valuable lessons you can ever learn about serving the Lord!