

“I SEEK NOT  
MINE OWN WILL,  
BUT THE WILL  
OF THE  
FATHER  
WHICH HATH  
SENT ME.”

(JOHN 5:30; SEE ALSO  
JOHN 6:38; 8:28-29; 14:31)

THE  
SAVIOR'S  
EXAMPLE  
OF  
*Obedience*

*His example sets the pattern for  
all of us to follow.*

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“*O*f all the lessons we learn from the life of the Savior, none is more clear and powerful than the lesson of obedience,” taught Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in the April 2014 general conference. The Savior’s example teaches us not only *why* obedience to Heavenly Father is important but also *how* we can be obedient. As you review the following examples from His ministry, think about how they might set a path for you to follow in your life.

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## What can you do?

Elder Hales said, “Jesus taught us to obey in simple language that is easy to understand: ‘If ye love me, keep my commandments’ [John 14:15], and ‘Come, follow me’ [Luke 18:22].”

**What will you do today to be more obedient?**



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1. Although Jesus was without sin, he submitted to baptism “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:13–17; see also 2 Nephi 31:4–7; John 3:5).

2. At the age of 12, when Joseph and Mary found Jesus teaching in the temple, He “was subject unto them,” and obediently returned home with them (see Luke 2:42–51).

3. Though He asked if the cup could pass from Him, He submitted to the suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane (see Matthew 26:36–44; Luke 22:39–54).

4. He kept the Sabbath and attended services in the synagogue (see Luke 4:16–44).

5. Jesus submitted to be judged of men that the Father’s work and glory might come to pass (see Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 26:53; Moses 1:39).

6. He finished His work by allowing wicked men to crucify Him (see Matthew 27:35; John 10:17–18; Galatians 1:3–5).

7. Always obedient to His Father, Jesus went to the spirit world and organized the missionary work there (see 1 Peter 3:18–20; 4:6).



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### BECAUSE OUR SAVIOR WAS OBEDIENT



“Because our Savior was obedient, He atoned for our sins, making possible our resurrection and preparing the way for us to return to our Heavenly Father, who knew we would make mistakes as we learned obedience in mortality. When we obey, we accept His sacrifice, for we believe that through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws, ordinances, and commandments given in the gospel.”

Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments,” Ensign, May 2014, 35.



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“THROUGHOUT  
[CHRIST’S]  
MINISTRY,  
‘HE SUFFERED  
TEMPTATIONS  
BUT GAVE [THEM]  
NO HEED’  
[D&C 20:22].”

—Elder Robert D. Hales

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8. Jesus was tempted by Satan but He did not yield (see Matthew 4:1-11; D&C 20:22).

9. He continues to do the Father’s will and direct the Church (see Joseph Smith—History 1:16-17; D&C 19:2, 24).

**More on Obedience**

Obedience was a major theme in the April 2014 general conference. Read more:

- Go to [lds.org/go/commandNE10](https://www.lds.org/go/commandNE10) for Elder Robert D. Hales on the importance of keeping the commandments and how the Savior set the example of obedience.
- Go to [lds.org/go/exampleNE10](https://www.lds.org/go/exampleNE10) for Elder Richard G. Scott on the importance of examples, including the Savior’s.
- Go to [lds.org/go/obedienceNE10](https://www.lds.org/go/obedienceNE10) for Elder L. Tom Perry on how our obedience is an emblem of our faith.



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