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John 14:21,23

"Jesus replied, "Because I will only reveal myself to those who love me and obey me. The Father will love them too, and we will come to them and live with them."

Being loved and accepted by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, moves us in a way that we want to obey Him. When we listen to the Holy Spirit inside of us, the desire to obey is brought out in the open. By knowing His love, the relationship thickens and our communication with Jesus (prayer time), reveals Him to us in a unique way

Obey! Do you have a hard time with that word? I think everyone of us has at one time or another. Many of us want to do our "own" way and enjoy our freedoms and choices. When someone truly loves and accepts you, just as you are, you really want to do all that you can to please that person. I know that I am loved and accepted by Jesus. This gives me a greater desire to wanting to please (obey) Him as He reveals more and more of himself to me.

A friend recommended a devotional to me..." Jesus Calling-Enjoy Peace in My Presence" by Sarah Young. Each morning I start my day with coffee and this devotional. Jesus' thoughts for my day are revealed. It's like He is right there with me in all things. This makes it easier to stay on track and to obey. There is freedom in knowing He's the one in charge of my day.

Prayer: Father, guide us. Warm our hearts. Stir our spirits. As we feel your love, grow in us a desire to want to obey. For in obeying, we can be set free. Amen

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