

FOLLOWING JESUS WHEN OBEDIENCE IS HARD

HEBREWS 10:39-11:2, 11:39-12:2 (ESV)

I. Following Jesus is _____.

A. We all face decision points between _____ obedience or _____ disobedience.

B. Following Jesus is _____ costly obedience every _____ for the rest of your life.

II. _____ enables us to consistently obey Christ, even though it's costly.

A. Faith means believing that God _____ the _____, even if you're not seeing results yet.

B. Our faith grows as we learn about God's _____ to His people through the generations.

C. When we do not see God's promises yet fulfilled, we can find comfort and _____ in the consistency of His _____.

III. God's _____ cultivate a _____ for the future that enables us to consistently obey Christ.

A. We must have a clear vision of our promised _____, in order to choose that over momentary pleasure.

B. If we grasped how wonderful _____ and _____ will be, the cost of obedience will seem more than worth it.

IV. While faith and hope are essential, _____ for Christ—absolute _____ in Him—is the most important motivator in the choice to obey Him.

A. When we look to Jesus, we see the One who best _____ for God and neighbor.

B. If we had a clearer vision of Jesus' _____—if we were gripped with His surpassing _____—we would not only want to emulate Him, but the comforts of sin would seem like _____.

C. _____ on Jesus, so that you may _____ Him more than anything or anyone else.