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## Humble Obedience

### Philippians 2:8

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#### “One Special Evening”

“**T**his has been a long day!” Jack grabs his briefcase, then decides to go through the park on the way to Leroy's. It's fight night with the guys. He always enjoys a night of sandwiches and pay-per-view fights at Leroy's.

But as he approaches an elderly gentleman sitting on a bench, he feels extraordinarily prompted to sit and talk with him.

Thinking it odd, he hesitates, and moves on past him. But wrestling with that nagging feeling, he obediently returns to the bench. Soon Jack is sharing his Christian testimony, and explaining how the elderly man, too, can find peace for his life. Just when the old man starts to show interest, he grabs his chest and starts gasping for air. Jack rushes him to the hospital, hands him over to the hospital staff, and goes to phone the guys at Leroy's.

As fight night continues without him, Jack is led into the old man's room, where Jack leads the man to salvation in Christ.

Jack missed night night, but his obedience resulted in a soul saved to Christ for eternity.

#### Reflection

Jack's obedience resulted in an exciting, unexpected evening, but his obedience cost him something. Jesus Christ also paid a price at the cross. Love took him there—an unbelievable love for humanity. But he was also motivated by obedience to his Father's will. In our “I'll do it my way” society, it takes courage to overcome the tendency to think your way is best. Let it be said of you that, in your life, you chose to do it not your way, but God's way, and that you were obedient. Humility creates the environment for obedience.

#### Accountability and Application

- Are you obedient in these types situations?
- What might have happened if Jack ignored God's prompting?
- How often do you share your faith? What stops you?
- Be particularly attentive to opportunities God may grant you. Be bold and share your faith, or just obey whatever God has you to do.

**Prayer:** Lord if there is one area in my life that needs work it's this area of obedience. Take me to the cross again and again so that my will matches yours. Help me to choose your way, not my own. Give me boldness to be obedient in sharing my Christian testimony with others.

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<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!