THE OBEDIENCE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

John 14:15–24

Key Verse: 14:21

1. How had Jesus shown his own love for his followers, and what had he commanded them? (13:1b,34,35) Now, what kind of love does he mention? (15a) Why is it important not only to receive Jesus’ love, and to love others, but also to love Jesus?
2. How does Jesus define real love for him? (15,21,23,24; compare Lk6:46; 1Jn3:18; 5:2,3)
3. What does it mean to “have” Jesus’ commands and “keep” them (21a), and why is this important? (8:31,37b; 12:47–49; 13:13–17; cf. 1Jn2:3–6)
4. If we keep his commands, what does Jesus promise us, and what does this promise mean? (16,17,20) How else does he describe this? (21b) How does our obedience make such an intimate relationship with God possible?
5. Review the Father’s relationship with the Son, and the Son’s with the Father (3:35; 5:20; 8:29; 14:31). How and why does Jesus call us into this same kind of relationship? (23,24; 15:9,10) How can we grow in such obedience practically?