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Romans 6:17, 18

“But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.”

Matthew 22:37

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’”

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*“Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”*

Our first experience of obedience is hearing ‘No!’ from our parents as we crawl towards the power socket or biscuit tin. Later we learn the rules and discipline of the classroom. Later still we obey exhortations to work for examinations. In the forces servicemen learn to obey orders. Now we are all being compelled to wear masks.

Obedience is based on trust. We trust our parents. We trust our teachers. We trust our partners. Soldiers trust their officers. We trust the Government and the medical experts. Sadly, our level of trust is often half-hearted, sometimes non-existent and, similarly we obey with enthusiasm, reluctance or not at all.

Do we love God whole-heartedly, with joy and without doubt? Do we obey his commandments? Often not, yet this is the way to faith. Faith in parents, teachers, officers, administrators and partners but above all in God.

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.” King James Bible, Mark 12:30.