



# The Warrior's Heart

## A Heart of Obedience

*For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.*  
Hebrews 2:1

### A. How Do I Become Obedient?

**1. Start with the heart!** *Deut. 6:4-9*  
Shema Israel—"The greatest commandment." *Jesus Matt 22:38*

**a. Get the Word into your heart!**  
*Deut 6:6; Hebrews 4:12*

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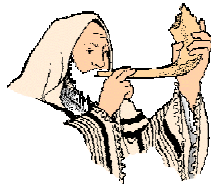
**b. Obedience must be from the heart!**  
*Romans 6:17; 2 Corinthians 3:2-3*  
Living the image of God!

### B. Abraham and Isaac: Example Of Obedience

*Genesis 22*

- 1. This was a test** *Verse :1*  
*What is God's test for you?*  
*How are you doing?*
- 2. Giving up the most cherished!** *Verse :2*  
*What are the things that God would have you surrender?*
- 3. Abraham and Isaac's obedience**  
*How does your obedience measure up to that of Abraham and Isaac?*
- 4. God's provision** *Verses :13-:14*  
*What three things has God provided for you so far this year?*
- 5. Our blessing because of Abraham's obedience** *Verse :18*  
"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

*Who is blessed because of your obedience?*



## Shema Israel

*Deut. 6:4-9*  
*Deut. 11:13-21*  
*Numbers 15:37-41*

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohaynu Adonai Echad.*  
Hear, Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.

*Barukh Shem k'vod malkhuto l'olam va-ed*  
Blessed be the Name of His glorious kingdom for ever and ever

## The Obedient Heart

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.  
*1 John 3:21-24*

### My Prayer of Obedience

*Today Father I will pay close attention to what you have said to me in your Word and will not act or react to anything before I consult You. When I do act or react—I will obey your voice.*

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## The Warrior's Heart: Heart of Obedience

Lesson 1: A Prayerful Heart Phil 4:6-8; Eph 3:16-10; Col 3:15

Lesson 2: An Obedient Heart 1 John 5:3-5; Psalm 19:7-11

Lesson 3: A Patient Heart (Dependence on God) Isaiah 40:31

Lesson 4: A Content Heart Psalm 1:1-3; II Cor 4:16-18

### Introduction:

My birth-mother's husband—last thing he said to her: I love you Betty, but I love Jesus more than anyone or anything!

This past week, 15 years later—my birth-mother prayed that same prayer for the first time—I now know what Roger meant.

**NASB: Heb 2:1** For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

**Msg: Heb 2:1** It's crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we've heard so that we don't drift off.

To be a spiritual warrior—to walk with Jesus as an overcomer—I need to grow in obedience to God's word and will in my life.

### A. How Do I Become Obedient?

#### 1. Start with heart! Deut. 6:4-9

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**Twice a day--** The full Shema is comprised of 3 paragraphs from the Torah.  
Deut. 6:4-9 Loving God learning/teaching Torah/Word  
Deut. 11:13-21 Positive/negative consequences of fulfilling the mitzvot  
Numbers 15:37-41

#### a. Get the Word into your heart! Deut 6:6

**Deu 6:6** "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

**Deu 6:6** Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you.

**Words without obedience (action) will do us no good—yet without the words (God's commands) it is impossible to be obedient (do the actions).**

*Heb 4:12....next page*

**Heb 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

### **b. Obedience must be from the heart! Romans 6:17**

**Rom 6:17** But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

- 1a. What was to be believed?  
Form of doctrine/teaching

**Word meaning:** Form--*to chisel out, to make a statue, to make an image from an original, a mould, a die that was cast.* And this is the truest meaning—and most important for us!

**Think of an early printing press**—each letter had to be set and then paper was laid over the type and an impression—an original impression—was made and transferred to the paper.

**When I get the Word of God into my heart I become that ORIGINAL IMPRESSION—touched by God's Word and His hand—a true representation of His Word and will!!**

**We are true living letters--**

**2Co 3:2** You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

## **B. Abraham and Isaac: An Example Of Obedience Gen 22**

### **1. This was a test :1**

Be prepared to have your heart of obedience tested by God—daily. God tugs on us—**Here am I**—but we never know what will be next.

**Heb 11:17-19** By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED." He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

*What is God's test for you?  
How are you doing?*

## **2. Give up what you have cherished most! :2**

You're asking me to give up my "laughter" (Isaac's name means laughter) – the son of God's promise born when Abraham was over 100 years old.

All that I've ever wanted—the best job, house, family, health, looks, all that I ever cherished in life—the most of the most—this is what God is asking of Abraham—**and this is what God asks of us who want a truly obedient heart.**

*What are the things that God would have you surrender?*

## **3. Abraham and Isaac's obedience**

Both demonstrated amazing obedience—Isaac a type of Christ (another study) was obedient to his father—did not question except to ask where is the lamb for the sacrifice—Abraham's answer: "My son—God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burn offering."

*How does your obedience measure up to that of Abraham and Isaac?*

## **4. God's provision :13-:14**

Jehovah Jira—God sees—by extension, God provides

*What three things has God provided for you  
so far this year?*

## **5. Our blessing because of Abraham's obedience :18**

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