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Introduction

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." John H. Sammis
Humans are not without sin, and one thing all Christians should take time to remember is obedience in the Lord. Seemingly every commandment God extends to us comes back to love God and love your neighbor, just as Jesus commanded us. So, let's consider this in our 'One Thing' sermon and examine how love and obedience connect with being a disciple.

Discussion

1. Can a person 'obey' without 'love'? What does this look like? How is this different from obeying and loving God?
2. **Read John 15:13.** What does it mean to lay down your life for others so they might see the love of Christ? Share about someone you know who has laid down their life for the sake of Christ.
3. How does a discipleship relationship help you love and obey God? Share an experience in which a discipleship relationship helped you to draw closer to God.

Think About It

*But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.*

"Trust and Obey" John H. Sammis 1887

Do Something

1. What do you need to 'lay on the altar'? Are you too busy to love and obey? Is something of this world keeping you from a deeper trust in God? While in prayer this week, ask God to open your eyes to these aspects of your life. Journal your thoughts throughout the week.
2. Recall your group discussion from question 2. What is a small way you could lay your life down for others this week so your little Iowa could see the love of Christ?
3. If you are not in a discipleship relationship, pray about who God would have disciple you; also pray for who God would have you disciple.