

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

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“Is Obedience an Option?”

Psalm 132 (MESSAGE)

God gave David his word, he won't back out on this promise:

“One of your sons I will set on your throne;

If your sons stay true to my Covenant and learn to live the way I
teach them, Their sons will continue the line—
always a son to sit on your throne.

Yes—I, God, chose Zion, the place I wanted for my shrine;

This will always be my home; this is what I want,
and I'm here for good.

I'll shower blessings on the pilgrims who come here,
and give supper to those who arrive hungry;

I'll dress my priests in salvation clothes;
the holy people will sing their hearts out!

Oh, I'll make the place radiant for David!

I'll fill it with light for my anointed!

I'll dress his enemies in dirty rags,
but I'll make his crown sparkle with splendour.”

(vs. 11-18)

Discerning God as:

FRIEND or CRUTCH

What is we look for in friends?

- TRUST

- AVAILABILITY

- COMMON PURPOSE

Why the Crutch doesn't work?

- ABUSE

- EMPTY

Why Obedience determines our Hope in Future:

Obedience with a HISTORY

Obedience with a HOPE

Balanced:

- The strength to STAND

- The Willingness to LEAP