

BEYOND BELIEF
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The points I hope you remember are:

- 1) In the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Only he who believes is obedient, and only he who is obedient believes"
- 2) We are not called to a life of merely believing that Jesus exists, but instead we are called to a life in which we AIM for complete and unreserved obedience
- 3) Obedience is NOT just following rules but by obeying out a love and gratitude and a desire to please the Father
- 4) To focus our AIM on obedience is truly a sign of maturity and the path to TRANSFORMATION, as the Holy Spirit transforms us to live as Christ lived – to become Christ-like
- 5) To be transformed we need to grow in:
 - a) Our UNDERSTANDING of who Jesus is and what he is calling us to by reading Scripture
 - b) Our WORSHIP such that we can grow in our proper RELATIONSHIP with God
 - c) Our FELLOWSHIP with others such that we can grow in our proper RELATIONSHIPS with Others
- 6) To maintain an ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE
 - a) Colossians 3:1-4 ¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your^[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.