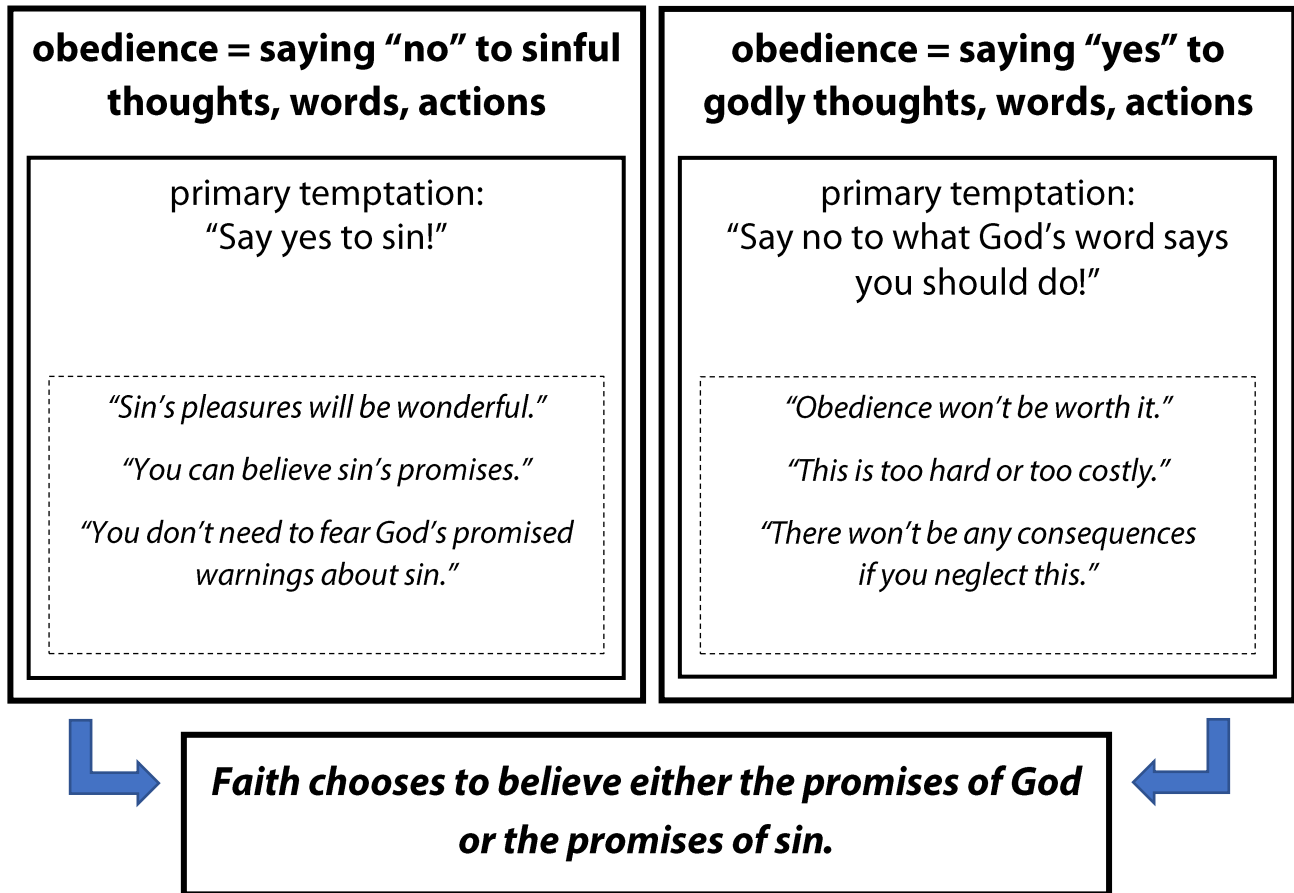


Living by Faith in the Promises of the Word, Part 4  
Living Faith Leads to Obedience

**Two General Categories of Obedience**



"All that God promises to be for us in Jesus stands over against what sin promises to be for us without him."  
(John Piper, *Future Grace* [1995], 10)

"[Faith] embraces the promises of God as more satisfying than the promises of sin." (Piper, 15)

1 John 5:4 *This is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith.* (also see 2 Peter 1:1-15)

Hebrews 11	Obedience = saying “no” to sinful T/W/A?	Obedience = saying “yes” to godly T/W/A?	Description of temptation
4		X	when it’s tempting to neglect worship, to not worship in the way God desires, or to withhold what we should give generously to God
7		X	when the world will scorn obedience because it doesn’t seem to make sense; when it’s tempting to ignore God’s warnings
8-10		X	when the path of obedience is very uncertain; when obedience takes you out of your comfort zone and doing nothing would be much easier
11-12	?	?	when it seems impossible for God to keep His promises
17-19		X	when it’s very clear what we should do but obedience seems far too costly
20-22		X	when we’re tempted to get focused on what is earthly and live only for the here and now; when we lose sight of God’s bigger story
23		X	when the fear of “what if” is the greatest obstacle to obedience
24-26	X		when the pleasures of sin are powerfully appealing and could easily be ours unless we refuse
27		X	when the fear of man is so present and God seems so distant
28		X	when it would be much easier to ignore God’s warnings
29		X	when some act of obedience is unprecedented and terrifying
30		X	when obedience looks odd and unsupportive people are watching you
31		X	when obedience requires going against what everyone else is doing