

UPGRADE

JUST OBEY // DANNY ANDERSON

An upgrade will require obedience.

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to **obey** all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be **successful** in everything you do.” *Joshua 1:7*

“If you are willing and **obedient**, you will eat the good things of the land...” *Isaiah 1:19*

1. God’s power is activated by obedience.

“Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.” *Luke 5:4*

Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But **if you say so**, I’ll let the nets down again.” *Luke 5:5*

And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. *Luke 5:6-7*

2. God wants to trust you.

“Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.” *Genesis 22:2*

“Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly **fear God**. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.” *Genesis 22:12*

“Jesus is actually looking for people he can trust with his power.”
— Dallas Willard

3. God’s way is the best way.

Be **doers** of the word, and not the hearers only... the one who looks intently into the perfect **law of freedom** and continues to do so—not being a forgetful hearer, but an effective **doer**—he will be blessed in what he does. *James 1:22-25*

“Jesus makes your life better and Jesus makes you better at life.”
— Andy Stanley

Disobedience doesn’t make sense to Jesus.

“So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you **don’t do** what I say? *Luke 6:46*

“How I **wish** that you had **obeyed** my commands! Your success and good fortune would then have overflowed like a flooding river.” *Isaiah 48:18*

Where do you need to obey Jesus?

To further explore and apply this message with your small group, visit eclife.org/groups to access this week’s group discussion questions.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Full list of events and registration is available at eclife.org’s EVENTS page

Upgrade Devotional

As part of the Upgrade series, Emmanuel is embarking on a 21-Day Fast from January 13 to February 2. It’s not too late to participate! To follow along with us for the remainder of the fast, visit eclife.org to access an online devotional, where you will receive daily Scripture and encouragement.

Outreach Opportunity

Would you like to show appreciation to the service of our police officers in the community? You can help pack a birthday bag for an officer this month. Emmanuel Church will provide the bags and list of items and will help deliver them each month. Pick a month you’d like to help and email Breanne Schafer, Outreach Assistant Director at bschafer@eclife.org.

High School Retreat

This year at the high school retreat, we want to learn how to get to know ourselves and live in confidence of how God created each one of us uniquely and without fear of other people’s opinions. Register at eclife.org/events.

Who: 9th-12th grade students

When: Friday, Jan. 24, 5:00pm – Saturday, Jan. 25, 2:00pm

Where: Boys - Greenwood Campus Fieldhouse
Girls - Franklin Campus

Cost: \$35 (*Invite a friend who does not attend a church to register for free!*)

Impact Team Night

A time for Impact Team members and those interested in joining the team to connect with each other at your campus, worship together, and hear a word of encouragement. If you’re new, you’ll also have the opportunity to experience Impact 101, designed to help you discover how you are uniquely gifted to make an impact through serving at Emmanuel.

When: Monday, February, 10 at 6:30pm

Current Impact Team Members: Text TEAM to 65248 to register

Interested in Joining the Team: Text 101 to 65248 to register

*Childcare available.