"Submission, Obedience, Authority"

Submission - is an ATTITUDE.

Eph. 5:22 (KJV)

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

<u>Submission</u> - is an <u>ATTITUDE</u>; <u>Obedience</u> is a deed.

Acts 5:29 (KJV)
29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

We never have a right to REBEL, but to avoid sinning, we submissively refuse to obey.

Submission is <u>HUMILITY</u> - <u>HUMILITY</u> or being Humble is NOT putting ourselves down, but simply putting others first.

Eve acted independently from Adam and God, so she believed a lie that she would become "like gods". Without sufficient understanding of God's word, she believed the serpent's lie.

ISA 1:19 (KJV)

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

"Obedient" - Webster: "Submissive to authority; performing what is required."

"Willing": "determining; resolving; desiring."

Heb. 11:8 (KJV)

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Heb. 11:17 (KJV) 1

7 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

James 2:23 (KJV)
23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith,
Abraham believed God, and it was imputed

unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

"DYNAMIC FAITH" - "Faith that is real, Faith that has POWER, Faith that results in a changed life."

Obedience - is "A condition to be met for REVIVAL."

Obedience - is "thinking God's thoughts, speaking His Words, DOING His deeds."

Obedience - Sometimes it's painful.

Obedience - is Success in God's eyes.

Obedience - is to be Filled with Christ and to be Filled with Christ is to be Filled with Obedience.

Mt. 7:21 (L.B.)

21 "Not all who sound religious are really godly people. They may refer to me as 'Lord,' but still won't get to heaven. For the decisive question is whether they obey my Father in heaven.

Obedience - may appear like a step backward.

Acts 8:26 (KJV) 26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

Acts 8:40 (KJV)

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Phil. 2:13 (L.B.) 13 For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants.

"Faith and Obedience" - were characteristics in the life of Abraham.

Heb. 11:8 - "By FAITH Abraham...OBEYED..."

* Abraham Obeyed - When He did NOT Know Where He was going. Heb. 11:8-10

I Cor. 12:18 (KJV)

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

Heb. 11:10 - a Key to Abraham's Faithful Obedience - "FOCUSED"...Focused Faith!

By Faith he knew where he was going.

* Abraham <u>OBEYED</u> - When He did Not Know how God's will would be done.

Obedient Faith - Sees the <u>invisible</u> touches the <u>intangible</u> and accomplishes the impossible!

* Abraham Obeyed God - And He did NOT Know when God's promises would be fulfilled.

Heb. 11:13-16 (KJV)

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

All the "Faith People" of Heb. 11 saw from "AFAR OFF" - what God was doing.

Heb. 11:13 - shows "VISION"

Heb. 11:14 - shows "PURSUIT"

Heb. 11:15 - shows "Abandonment"

Heb. 11:16 - shows "Desire."

* Abraham obeyed God not Knowing Why God was working like He was.

Heb. 11:17-19 (NLT)

17 It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him.

Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac,

Heb. 11:17-19 (NLT) 18 even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted."

19 Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And, in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

Abraham obeyed, He did not question or delay.

Gen. 22:2 (KJV)

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Gen. 22:5 "I and the lad will go yonder and worship and come again to you"

NOTHING is too hard for God!