THE POWER OF CHOICE:

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me." Genesis 22:16-18 (NLT)

OBEDIENCE IS THE **KEY** THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO **God's**

Blessing.

Three things we all should know about Obedience:

I. Obedience is always an **informed** choice. *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8 (NKJV)

"He who belongs to God hears what God says..."

John 8:47a (NIV)

II. Obedience is always an **active** choice. *"Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the*

vineyard.'

"The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went. "The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.' But he never went. "Which of the two sons did what the father asked?" Matthew 21:28-31 (Msg.)

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. John 13:17 (NIV)

III. Obedience is always the **<u>best/blessed</u>** choice.

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: Your towns and your fields will be blessed. Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed." Deuteronomy 28: 1-6 (NLT)

"But if you refuse to listen to the Lord your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you: Your towns and your fields will be cursed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be cursed. Your children and your crops will be cursed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be cursed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be cursed." Deuteronomy 28:15-19 (NLT)

2 QUESTIONS TO TAKE WITH YOU:

A) What is God

Asking me to do?

B) What am

I going to do about it?