

SO SEND I YOU, INC. 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Saint John Baptist Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Time: March 5, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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DAY 19 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

JUVENAL OBEDIENCE

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**Luke 2:51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.
But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.**

This particular pericope deals with Jesus and His adolescent years. Though He is fully God, here He will put aside His divinity and subject Himself to humanity. Because of His humanity, Jesus would have to experience human factors, by means of growing physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

This verse summarizes the obedience of the Boy Jesus. He is here lodging with His parents, though He is God in human flesh the text denotes "he was subject to them." In other words, He was obedient. We know that this birth of Jesus was by immaculate conception, and Mary is still coming to learn and comprehend the role and person of her son, Jesus Christ.

The text encourages us as Jesus grew in understanding to the will of God, and His will for our lives, we too must grow in our understanding of God and His purpose for our lives. It has been said that "obedience is better than sacrifice," therefore it is incumbent for the believer as we grow, in knowledge and wisdom, that we remain in total

submission. It is our ultimate responsibility to love and obey God. St. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6:1, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

Just as our earthly parents require respect and obedience, so does our Heavenly Father. We live in a society now where it seems that the fundamentals of life have disappeared, but allow me to remind you that though we may be adults now, we will forever be our parents' children, and we will always be the sons and daughters of God. The Bible says in Proverbs 13:1, "A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not respond to rebukes." Therefore, we are to remain "Obedient" to our Heavenly Father

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, help me to recognize that I am your child and that it is my responsibility to always obey your word and follow your will for my life, so that I may be pleasing in your sight. In Jesus' Name. Amen.