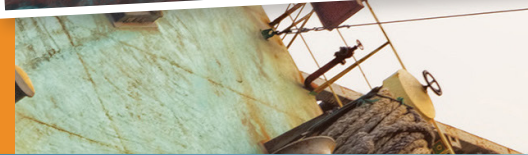


**WARM UP**

The other day I looked out from my window and I saw a yacht that had gone on the hard. He had gone outside the channel markers and gone aground, and was waiting for the tide to turn and come back in again to float off. I got my grandchildren and showed them the boat. I asked them why he had gone aground. I then explained that there were markers that he was supposed to stay between. I explained that when we break the rules there is going to be a consequence. For this boatie the consequence was a long delay. It can cost more!

**READ** 1 Tim 1:18-20; Mark 10:17-22**BACKGROUND**

In this verse we find that two guys have suffered a spiritual shipwreck. The result was that the apostle Paul turns them over to Satan to teach them a lesson. He also gives us some clear instructions so that we wage a good warfare.

In the other verse, we get the sense in which Jesus loves our obedience and how important it is to Him.

There is also a great challenge to the man's obedience. If he wants to take it to the next level there is a huge sacrifice to make and he went away sad. We don't know if he obeyed this or not.

**QUESTIONS**

- 1 Share about a time when you or someone you know had a spiritual or moral shipwreck and what was the result.
- 2 What ideas does Paul give us in Timothy to help us avoid shipwreck and how do we implement them in our lives?

3 Share a time when you obeyed a prompting from the Holy Spirit. What happened?

4 Some people survive shipwreck and others die. Discuss if there are spiritual or moral shipwrecks from which we don't come back.

**CONSIDER THIS**

"He who learned to obey will know how to command."

William Ward

"The time to teach obedience to authority is in the play pen instead of the state pen [penitentiary]."

W Williams

"Delayed obedience is the brother to disobedience."

Anon

King Saul lost his throne through disobedience. Sometimes the cost of disobedience is far greater than the cost of obedience. We see from these quotes that obedience is a part of leadership. It needs to start at a young age and delays can be costly.

The army taught me to obey without thinking. We are in the Lord's army and I think He looks for the same instant obedience, because after all, He knows all things!

**What is God saying to me?**

**LET'S PRAY****REAL LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S POWER**

*About seven or eight years ago I was having a really hard time breathing with asthma and I went to a Bill Subritzky healing crusade. He got me up and prayed for me and ever since I have had no problem breathing at all. Ever since then I have been free from asthma. Benjamin*