

SERVICE IS  
STARTING SOON

PLEASE GRAB A SEAT NEAR THE FRONT

NEWS  
AND NOTICES

# **BIG CHURCH CLEAN DAY**

**21st Jan 10am-1pm  
@BCEC Central**



# **emmanuel prayer list**

BCEC BUILDING FUNDRAISER

# iD New Year Classical Music Concert

£4 ADULTS  
£2 CONCESSIONS

AFTER ENGLISH  
SERVICE TODAY

no iD after service today. Just  
jamming upstairs.



**Parents are required to sign their  
kids into Sunday school and  
sign out afterwards.**

# PRAYER

15 Signs You're In A

Healthy Relationship

How do you have a

healthy relationship?

21 Ways to be a Good Parent

Children as they are!

To Do Right Now!



# Obedience

The importance of obedience.

Obedience isn't difficult, if you trust the one you're obeying.

But our struggle has always been that we think we know better. And part of that is the struggle and growth of life. Learning what works and what doesn't. But obedience, at its very heart, is a willingness to trust someone else's judgement over your own.

But we struggle with obedience all the time.

Doctors suggest we eat healthier and exercise more.

Dentists say we should cut sweets out of our diet.

Financial advisors say we should save more money.

And although we trust them, we still don't obey.

**Obedience to God is  
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But obedience to God is transformative to our life. And for many of us, the realisation that the way we've mapped out our life hasn't worked out, should encourage us to start trusting God.

That's what it means to actually trust him.

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord', and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

Luke 6:46-49

When we read this, it's easy to just dissect it at face value. You know, what are your foundations, what are you building your life on. But pay closer attention to it, it's talking about stress points— when your life hits its hard part, when the stress of situations starts to press in, what happens to you. It's not just about whether you crumble. You can crumble and rebuild.

God's saying, look the secret to knowing how to build your life, the secrets of construction in your heart soul and mind, is found in hearing and obeying God.

Ikea PAX Wardrobe.

**What are your stress points?  
What are your foundational  
weaknesses?**

How we react to stress reveals a lot. It demonstrates to us where things are going wrong.

Do we lash out in anger?

Do we withdraw in certain circumstances?

Which are the situations where your character is compromised?

The key to rectifying those things, is to let God fix those areas.

And to obey him.

**crumble? rebuild?  
strengthen? restore?**

once i built an ikea shelf, but i thought  
i could do it on myown.

**Hear God's words  
and do them.**

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Read, carving space out of your life to actually listen.

And what are you listening to?

You can't just listen to your heart.

Your heart is deception it goes where it wants.

You have

The Importance of the WORD of God

the Bible has the words, the Holy Spirit helps you understand.

## **Why is it so hard?**

Now i want to break it down a little further. Now that we, hopefully are convinced, of the importance of obeying God, the question is, why don't we?

When our desires don't match our will or action. How come?

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**Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

**Matthew 26:38-41**

**Jesus' obedience**  
**Jesus' strength**

it's more than just conviction.

It's contrasted to the other people  
who simply didn't.

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# **Know God's Word Hear the Holy Spirit**

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what obedience is  
by obeying.**

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**JOIN US  
DOWNSTAIRS  
FOR SOME  
SNACKS!**

**the bccc  
sunday  
school**

**Parents please  
sign out your  
kids from  
Sunday School!**