

## ***LIFE Huddle:*** *Getting together to talk through issues of life*

### **In The Zone**

*"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:7)

In sports, there is a term known as "in the zone". It describes a person whose execution is precise, whose concentration is dialed in & whose know how is giving him a distinct edge. Ultimately, this athlete performance is flawless, and it's a wonderful feeling. Performance seems effortless because it comes so easily. For the tennis player, it is hitting every shot right where he wants. For the baseball pitcher, it is throwing to a strike zone that seems big as a house. For the golfer, the fairways are wide, and the hole is big. For a basketball player, the bucket is as large as an ocean. Everything flows just right.

As it relates to matters of faith, obedience is being in the zone. When we live a life of obedience, we begin to experience the reality of God like never before. Wisdom grows in our life. Meaning and purpose are accelerated. In the early Church, the Hebrews gained wisdom through obedience. Later, the Greeks were characterized as gaining wisdom through reason and analysis. Today, we live in a very Greek-influenced Church. Many Christians determine if they will obey based on whether the outcome will be beneficial to them. Imagine if the early Church had adopted this philosophy. No walls would have fallen down at Jericho. No Red Sea would have parted. No one would have been healed. No coins would have been found in the mouth of a fish. Reason and analysis would not have led to making the obedient decision. Trust, obey and leave the outcome to God.

**P2R (Point 2 Remember):** Delayed obedience, partial obedience, and reluctant obedience are all disobedience.