November 11, 2018 SERMON NOTES SERIES: 40 Days of Prayer Giving or obedience? Which is better?

| I. Six reasons obedience is important to God. |
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| 1. Obedience is better than |
| Micah 6: 6 With what shall I come to the Lord and bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? 7 Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? |
| 2to obedience. |
| John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my commands" |
| "The quality of our obedience is a direct reflection of our love for Jesus." |
| 3. Obedience is an |
| Romans 12:1, Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (NIV) |
| 4. Obedience demonstrates |
| Genesis 22 |
| Spiritual growth depends on how we handle the tests and trials that come our way. |
| 5. Obedience to God |
| I John 5: ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. |

6. God ______.