Obedience

Matt 11:25-30  (Jesus says to take ‘His yoke,’ it is easy and light. Could His yoke be obedience?)
25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.
26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.
27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.
28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Luke 9:23-26  (What does Jesus mean to ‘take up his cross daily?’ Could it be obedience to the gospel?)
23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.
24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.
25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?
26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

Romans 12:1-21  (Obedience to God is a ‘reasonable service’ and means leaving evil behind and being what He wants. We need God’s grace and help in being renewed as this chapter lays out, and without it there is not much chance of being transformed into obedient servants.)
1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.
4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,
5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.
6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;
7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;
8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.
17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.
18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.
19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
20 Therefore
"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

2 Cor 10:1-6, 17-18  (Obedience to God was so important to Paul, and he understood it was not in his own strength that he was able to accomplish it, even to ‘every thought being captive to the obedience of Christ’)

1 Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ--who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.
2 But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.
3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.
4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,
6 bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,
7 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

17 But "he who glories, let him glory in the Lord."
18 For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

Heb 5:5-11  (Jesus ‘learned obedience....and became the author of salvation to all who obey)
5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:

"You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You."

6 As He also says in another place:
"You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek";

7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with 
vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because 
of His godly fear,
8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 
9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 
10 called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," 
11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

Eph 6:12  (Obedience is possible, just know who we wrestle against.)
12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, 
against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the 
heavenly places.

Look over the following passages of scripture that urge obedience to what Jesus taught.  Discuss 
each one.

Acts 5:29
29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

Acts 5:32
32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to 
those who obey Him."

Hebrews 3:18
18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

1 Peter 4:17
17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, 
what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?