

**Shema Series**  
**Obedience**  
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**Newport News**

**Opening**

-Claire pic... **"you no say no to me."**

-(participation – obedience make you think of or when is it required)

**-(series slide)**

*-In Hebrew, there is no separate word for obey. Listening and doing are two sides to the same coin.*

**-Matthew 7:24-29**

**Introduction**

-(knee reflex test – have little hammer) the patellar reflex test...

***-I want the reflex of my heart to be one of obedience to God!***

*-Matthew 7:28-29 isn't just a synopsis on Jesus' Sermon on The Mount. It is Jesus making an accusation about human nature. Mankind lost their Shema! Jesus was teaching toward what He hoped to restore!*

-(talk about Garden of Eden, Satan introduced "reluctance.")

-The Scale: **rebellious – reluctant – reflexive** (apply to each area of life, DO's AND DON'T'S)

-“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven...”

-What is the most frustrating part of a home renovation project?

- Takes longer than you think...
- Costs more than you think...
- Harder than you think...

**-Jeremiah 17:5-10**

> Nature is the perfect metaphor here...a plant does not say, I don't think I'll respond to the light of the sun today...no more photosynthesis...lol!

*-If we want the reflex of our hearts to be one of obedience to God, a return to Shema, we must do the hard work that transforms it from being **desperately wicked to delightfully willing**...and it's going to take longer, cost more, and will be harder than we think!!!!*

## Don Gelpi

**-He was a Jesuit Priest who lived from 1934-2011, one of the great theological minds our day.**

*"And in the late 1960's, early in his career, Gelpi became involved with what became known as the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement. Through his involvement, Gelpi encountered an emotional and spiritual transformation characterized by a profound form of prayer and in intensely deep relationship with God. He later described this as a personal Pentecost."*

**-(show the Shema diagram)**

-5 Conversions **(Moses in Pharaoh's House by John J. Markey)**

- **Affective Conversion happens when a person takes personal responsibility for his or her emotional healing and development. (covenant community...vital)**
- **Intellectual Conversion involves taking responsibility for the truth or falsity of one's beliefs by examining and testing them. (diverse community...vital)**
- **Moral Conversion means being responsible to cultivate habits that embody the moral virtues (& values) one has embraced and to live according to a broader social responsibility. (discipleship community...vital)**
- **Sociopolitical Conversion involves accepting responsibility to seek the good for all humans and to work strategically with others to challenge and convert the wider world as well. (loving community...vital)**

- **Religious Conversion\* begins by making a vow of devotion to Jesus and confessing I am at one with God, rescued from myself, just as if I'm perfect, because Jesus paid it all. (Gospel community...vital)**

-If I'm going to close this gap (show **Shema Diamond** again)...

-Then I have to be willing to examine my life based on this scale (show **rebellious - reluctant - reflexive** scale again...measures my progress)

## Hope

- **John 1:14 (NASB)**

- **Aletheia - all truth is in Jesus, which means I must constantly examine life in light of His.**
- **Charis - all grace is in Jesus, which means my ability to change depends on His power.** (grace not permission to sin but power to change)
- He shows us where we fall short then calls us to Himself!

-1 Samuel 10:17-24

- God has chosen us for a purpose
- "hiding in the luggage"
- clothed in humanity
- **these 5 conversions** are about disrobing our soul of the garments that don't belong and putting on only the ones that come from God.

## Band

-**(Welcome Home Moment)**

## Close

-Deuteronomy 6:4-9

