OBEDIENCE 101:

Squeals, Squawks, and the Deluxe Combo (Or "Does God have His way with you?")

"Whosoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me..." John 14:21 (NIV)

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•"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love" (Eph. 4:2 NLT)

(Ezek 24:14-25 NIV) "'I the LORD have spoken. The time has come for me to act. I will not hold back; I will not have pity, nor will I relent. You will be judged according to your conduct and your actions, declares the Sovereign LORD."" The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, with one blow I am about to take away from you the delight of your eyes. Yet do not lament or weep or shed any tears.

Groan quietly; do not mourn for the dead. Keep your turban fastened and your sandals on your feet; do not cover the lower part of your face or eat the customary food of mourners." So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. The next morning I did as I had been commanded. Then the people asked me, "Won't you tell us what these things have to do with us?"

So I said to them, "The word of the LORD came to me: Say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am about to desecrate my sanctuary—the stronghold in which you take pride, the delight of your eyes, the object of your affection. The sons and daughters you left behind will fall by the sword. And you will do as I have done.

You will not cover the lower part of your face or eat the customary food of mourners. You will keep your turbans on your heads and your sandals on your feet. You will not mourn or weep but will waste away because of your sins and groan among yourselves. Ezekiel will be a sign to you; you will do just as he has done. When this happens, you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD.'

"And you, son of man, on the day I take away their stronghold, their joy and glory, the delight of their eyes, their heart's desire, and their sons and daughters as well. . ."

"I know where I came from and where I am going" (John 8:14).

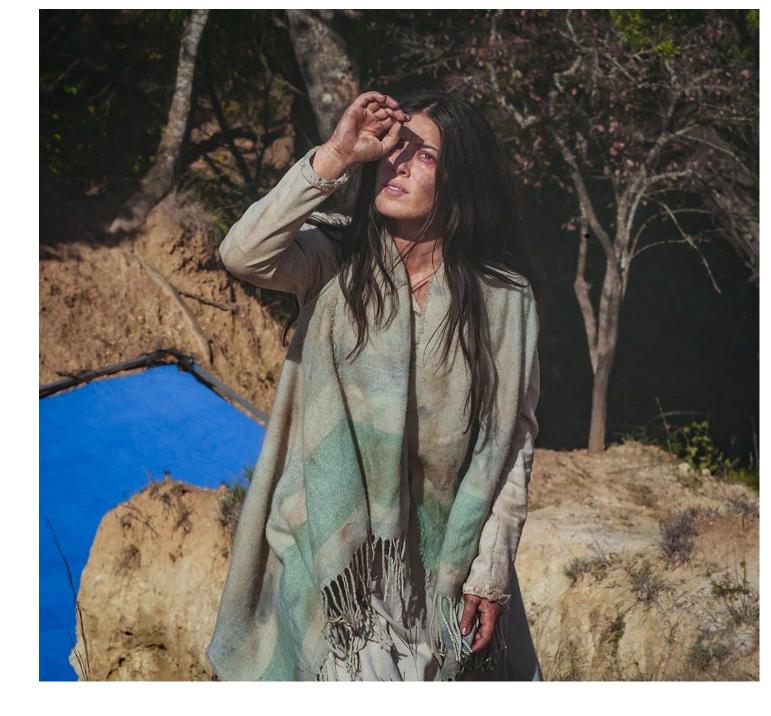




John 4:34, ESV: "Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

Isaiah 40:31 They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Preview of next week



Janet Paschal—a beautiful *Hummingbird* who loves to *hum* and sing.

