

LAUNCH LESSONS

A LESSON ABOUT OBEDIENT FAITH

Luke 5:1-11 —The Crossings Church — #2 of 5

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,^[a] the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "**Launch out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.**"⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. **But because you say so, I will let down the nets.**"⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. **Luke 5:1-11** (NIV)

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.¹⁸ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder. **James 2:14-18** (NIV)

➤ 3 FACTORS THAT CAN CAUSE ME TO REJECT OBEDIENT FAITH

- **My** _____ - He saw two boats, left there by the fishermen. (v.1)

Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him. **Proverbs 26:12** (NIV)

- **My** _____ - Master, we've worked hard all night... (v.5a)

Those who go to Egypt for help are doomed! They are relying on Egypt's vast military strength—horses, chariots, and soldiers. But they do not rely on the LORD, the holy God of Israel, or ask him for help. **Isaiah 31:1** (LB)

- **My** _____ - ...and haven't caught anything. (v.5b)

One of them said (to Abraham), "Nine months from now I will come back, and your wife Sarah will have a son." Sarah was behind him, at the door of the tent, listening.¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were very old, and Sarah had stopped having her monthly periods. So Sarah laughed to herself and said, "Now that I am old and worn out, can I still enjoy sex? And besides, my husband is old too."¹³ Then the LORD asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Can I really have a child when I am so old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? As I said, in nine months I will return, and Sarah will have a son. **Genesis 18:10-13** (TEV)

➤ 2 REASONS FOR CHOOSING TO LIVE A LIFE OF OBEDIENT FAITH

1. **Because** _____.

Now, this is what the LORD... says: Carefully consider your ways!⁶ You planted a lot, but you harvested little. You eat, but you're never full. You drink, but you're still thirsty. You wear clothing, but you never have enough to keep you warm. You spend money as fast as you earn it.⁷ This is what the LORD of Armies says: Carefully consider your ways! **Haggai 1:5-7** (GW)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know.⁶ Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are; simply obey the LORD and refuse to do wrong. **Proverbs 3:5** (TEV)

2. **Because God has** _____ **obedient faith.**

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. **James 1:25** (NLT)

- **Biblically disobedience is a** _____.

Remember what it says: "Today when you hear His voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled."¹⁶ And who was it who rebelled against God, even though they heard His voice? Wasn't it the people Moses led out of Egypt?¹⁷ And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness?¹⁸ And to whom was God speaking when He took an oath that they would never enter His rest? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed Him?¹⁹ So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter His rest. **Hebrews 3:16-19** (NLT)

Many are the sorrows of the sinful. But loving-kindness will be all around the man who trusts in the Lord. **Psalms 32:10** (NLT)

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