A Lesson on Obedience

Text

**LUKE 5:1-9**

Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; **2**and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. **3**And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and *began* teaching the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+5%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25111a)]people from the boat. **4**When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” **5**Simon answered and said, “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+5%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25113b)]I will do as You say *and* let down the nets.” **6**When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets *began* to break; **7**so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. **8**But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus’ [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+5%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25116c)]feet, saying, “Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!” **9**For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

**Overview**

One of the most foundational building blocks in the life of a growing Christian is obedience-specifically obedience that

is built on trust in God. In this lesson, we see Peter beginning to learn the wonderful things the Lord could do for and

through him in response to simple obedience.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

1. Understand the Lord's directions do not need to make sense to us.

2. Realize the Lord always knows exactly what He is doing.

3. Choose to trust and obey the Word of God.

**Teaching Outline**

1. The Challenge

A. Launch out into the deep.

B. Let down the nets.

2. The Conflict

A. Toiling his own way

B. Trusting Christ's word

3. The Confession

A. Partial obedience

B. Full forgiveness

**JOHN 10:27 -** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

**JEREMIAH 32:17 -** ‘Ah Lord [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JEREMIAH+32%3A17&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-19749a)]God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,

**HEBREWS 13:5 -** 5 … for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,”

**MALACHI 3:6 -** For [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+3%3A6&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23127a)]I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+3%3A6&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23127b)]are not consumed.

**HEBREWS 13:8 -** Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.

**JEREMIAH 33:3 -**‘Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11 -** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5**And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. **6**There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. **7**But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8**For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; **9**to another faith [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+CORINTHIANS+12%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28644a)]by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+CORINTHIANS+12%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28644b)]healing [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+CORINTHIANS+12%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28644c)]by the one Spirit, **10**and to another the [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+CORINTHIANS+12%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28645d)]effecting of [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+CORINTHIANS+12%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28645e)]miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+CORINTHIANS+12%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28645f)]distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. **11**But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

**ROMANS 6:13 -** and do not go on presenting [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+6%3A13&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28082a)]the members of your body to sin *as* [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+6%3A13&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28082b)]instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+6%3A13&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28082c)]instruments of righteousness to God.

**JAMES 4:7 -** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**ROMANS 7:14-23 - 14**For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+7%3A14-23&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28106a)]into bondage to sin. **15**For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate. **16**But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good. **17**So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. **18**For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. **19**For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. **20**But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

**21**I find then the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+7%3A14-23&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28113b)]principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. **22**For I joyfully concur with the law of God [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+7%3A14-23&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28114c)]in the inner man, **23**but I see a different law in [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+7%3A14-23&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28115d)]the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ROMANS+7%3A14-23&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28115e)]of the law of sin which is in my members.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 -** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord.

**ISAIAH 55:8—9 -** “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. **9**“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**JOHN 2:5 -**His mother \*said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”

**JOHN 13:7 -** Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.”

**EPHESIANS 3:20-21 -20**Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, **21**to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=EPHESIANS+3%3A20-21&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29273a)]forever and ever. Amen.

**MATTHEW 13:58 -** And He did not do many [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+13%3A58&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23598a)]miracles there because of their unbelief.

**MATTHEW 6:31-33 - 31**Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ **32**For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33**But [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A31-33&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23316a)]seek first [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A31-33&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23316b)]His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A31-33&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23316c)]added to you.

**ROMANS 8:32 -** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

**JEREMIAH 32:27 - 27**“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?”

**PSALM 50:10-12 - 10**“For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. **11**“I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+50%3A10-12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14680a)]Mine. **12**“If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+50%3A10-12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-14681b)]all it contains.

**ISAIAH 57:15 -** 15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ISAIAH+57%3A15&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-18781a)]lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell *on* a high and holy place, And *also* with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

**PSALM 51:17 -** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**1 JOHN 1:8-9 -** If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**JAMES 4:10 -**Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

**LUKE 18:9-14 -** And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: **10**“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11**The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ **13**But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+18%3A9-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25702a)]merciful to me, the sinner!’ **14**I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**MEMORY VERSE**

**LUKE 14:11 -**For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

**Study Questions**

1. What did Jesus say to Peter? (Matthew 16:23 and Mark 8:33)

2. What or who are the 'stumbling blocks' in your life?

3. When we live for the moment, what do we really have once it is over?

4. In the grand scheme of things, according to James 4:14, our life on earth is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

5. When we live for the moment, what do we really have once it is over? (JAMES 4:14)

6. Are you wisely investing the talents and resources the Lord has given you?

7. Today, how are you serving others?

8. What should be our greatest desire?