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## **Obey Me**

**Will you obey? Don't answer me yet. Will you go and do what I ask of you even when you do not understand? Must you agree with me completely before you will follow and obey me? Will you pick and choose when you will or will not do what I ask of you?** Such an approach would not be obeying you at all. If I were to pick and choose when I would or would not obey you that would make me the guide of my own life. I cannot say that you are both my Savior and Lord if I rely on my own instruction and follow my own guidance. Such behavior would also be foolish and unproductive. **Why is that?** I am not all wise. I am not all knowing. I am not all powerful. Apart from you, I can accomplish nothing that will be of lasting and eternal value. Guiding my own life will lead to nothing but weariness on the way to accomplishing nothing. **That's true.**

There is something else that I know. **What's that?** You seldom make all the details relating to my next steps in life known to me. **Why do you suppose that is?** I can think of a few reasons why that is true. **I'm listening.** You want me to live in an intimate relationship with you. You want me to come to rely on you. You want me to walk in faith with you. You want me to know that you are working in and through my life. You want to accomplish your purposes and plans in and through me so that glory is brought to your name so that others come to have faith in you. For all of these reasons, you often reveal my next steps in life one step at a time. **Is that alright with you?** Do I have a choice? **Very funny. No, you do not have a choice.** Yes, it is alright with me whenever and however you want to reveal to me my next steps in life. I want you to be able to accomplish all your purposes and plans in and through my life. **That's good.**

There is something else I know. **What's that?** I know that you will sometimes test me. **How so?** You will ask me to go and do what I don't fully understand to let both you and I know if I will obey you. You already know. But I do not. So, I'm asking you to help me to always say yes to you. Help me to always obey you. **That I will do.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, I know you will sometimes ask me to do what I don't fully understand. It is not my job to pick and choose when I will follow and obey you. I go and do whatever you ask of me. Give me your power so I will be able to accomplish your purposes and plans. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Because You Say So*

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."

NIV

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *But At Your Word*

And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

ESV

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *But If You Say So*

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."

NLT

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *Nevertheless At Your Word*

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

NKJV

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *Yet If You Say So*

Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

NRSV

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *But If You Say So*

Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets."

MSG

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *But On The Ground Of Your Word*

And Simon (Peter) answered, Master, we toiled all night [exhaustingly] and caught nothing [in our nets]. But on the ground of Your word, I will lower the nets [again].

AMP

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *If You Say So*

"Sir," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, we'll try again."

TLB

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *But I Will Do As You Say*

Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets."

NASB

Luke 5:5

**Becoming Like Christ** *But You Say*

Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night trying to catch fish, and we caught nothing. But you say to put the nets in the water, so I will."

NCV

Luke 5:5

# Because You Say So

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Luke 5:5

**In Context:** *Read Luke 5*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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." Luke 5:5 (NIV)

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I know you will sometimes ask me to do what I don't fully understand. It is not my job to pick and choose when I will follow and obey you. I go and do whatever you ask of me. Give me your power so I will be able to accomplish your purposes and plans. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you been weary and worn doing what was unproductive?

When has relying on the Lord made your prior unproductive efforts productive?

**When has the Lord asked you to do something for Him that you did fully understand?**

Why is it unnecessary for you to fully understand everything about what the Lord asks you to do for Him?

**How has your obedience been tested by doing what was asked of you when you didn't fully understand?**

**Why is picking and choosing what you will or won't do not an option if you want to obey the Lord?**

How has your life born fruit for the Lord when you went and did what He asked of you?

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Go and do whatever the Lord asks of you even when you don't fully understand why.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord your life will bear fruit as you go and do what the Lord asks of you.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are going and doing whatever the Lord asks of you.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you do what the Lord asks of you even when you don't fully understand why.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will do what you ask of me even when I don't fully understand why.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what do you want to ask me to do for you?*

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