



Because You Say So!

Text: Luke 5:1-7

- There is nothing more exciting and fulfilling than obeying God—and living life HIS way!
- God designed us and knows exactly what is best for us.
- God gave us a Manual—the Bible—with instructions on how to live the blessed life, a peaceful life, an abundant life.
- Obedience to God is a position of safety for the believer. Proverbs 1:33, Psalm 25:4-5
- God will speak to you. He will give you wisdom and direction. John 10:27

Three Main Ways God Speaks To You:

1. God speaks to you through the Bible, His written Word.
 - You begin to KNOW the voice of God by obeying His written Word.
2. God speaks to you through the inward witness. Proverbs 20:27
 - It's a thought that comes from your spirit—and not your mind.
 - God, through the Holy Spirit, will impress things upon your spirit—if you will pay attention.
3. God speaks to you through recognizing His peace in your spirit. Colossians 3:15, John 2:5
 - Sweet peace in your spirit—that is the Holy Spirit's approval.

Obeying God Comes With Rewards:

1. Obedience is the key to God's greater blessings in your life. Deuteronomy 11:26-27
 - When you obey God, you receive His goodness.
 - When you refuse to obey God, you are limited to your own results, but obedience invites God and His results into your life.
2. Obedience to God is how we show our love for Him. John 14:15
 - God is seeking people whose hearts are turned toward Him. He doesn't want our excuses—He wants our obedience.
3. Obedience takes a step of faith many times.
 - Sometimes we don't understand why God is asking us to do a certain thing. But the more you obey God and His Word, the easier it becomes.
 - As you take one step of faith in obedience, you will see God move and He will reveal more to you.
 - God can see what we cannot. God knows what we do not know.
4. Obedience sometimes means saying "No" to our feelings and desires in order to say "Yes" to God. Proverbs 16:25, Deuteronomy 6:1-3
 - Sometimes it's a struggle to let go of our plan and our way—but we ALWAYS succeed when we obey God!

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