Why Bother? Luke 5 And Our Perseverance

Mark Roberts · Luke 5:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.
- Doesn't take very long until you start saying what? Why am I doing this? Why do I keep on keeping on? Why bother?
- That's exactly what this text is about this morning. It's about persevering on.

1 We Always Want to Obey God

Luke 5:5; Genesis 15:5–6; 1 Samuel 15:22–23

- Simon answered him. Master. We toiled all night, but at your word I will let down the net.
- Reason number one, why we persevere. Because we always want to obey God.
- When I understand, I obey. When I don't understand, I obey. When I feel like it, I obey. When I don't feel like it, I obey.
- Behold, to obey is better than to sacrifice.
- What's our purpose in life? You don't need to read a book about that. Well, just read God's book. You'll know your purpose in life. It's to obey the Lord.
- Why am I bothering with all of this? The answer is because God told us to.

2 When We Obey God, That Brings Reward

Luke 5:6–7; Exodus 40:34; Hebrews 9

- When they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish. And their nets were breaking, and they signaled to their partners in the other boats to come and help them.
- When we obey God, that has a way of bringing reward into our lives.
- When we obey God, That brings a blessing. It brings a blessing to the people around us.
- Lots of times when you obey God, a blessing comes. But the blessing comes later. Much later.
- Moses doesn't know any of that. He just did what God told him to do. And way down the line, guess what? A blessing came to it because of that obedience.
- By being obedient, God can bless me and he can bless others through me.

3 Obeying God Brings Moments of Spiritual Clarity

Luke 5:8–11

- When Simon Peter saw it, He fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

- When you obey God. What that does is that brings opportunities and moments of spiritual clarity.
- When did this happen? It happened when he was obeying God.
- The fish didn't matter anymore. They left everything. They followed him.
- When does that happen? You know when that happens. It happens when we are obedient to God.
- Why are we bothering? Because the very next moment of perseverance may be precisely the moment we need it to cause spiritual growth to happen in a new and incredible way.

THE CHALLENGE

Let's find the renewed energy to not be weary in well doing, but continue to serve God.

MY NOTES