

**Would You Lower  
Your Net?**

**Luke 5:1-5**

# Introduction

- When Jesus told Simon Peter to “let down your nets,” Peter replied, “*Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.*” **Luke 5:1-5**

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- The example of Peter lowering his net shows us the following about the apostles:
  - They had an attitude of complete trust.
  - They had a willingness to listen to Jesus.
  - They had an unwavering obedience.
- Let us consider the importance of us possessing these same qualities.

# An Attitude of Complete Trust

- We must trust the Lord and His word.
  - Trust the Bible to be God's word.  
***1 Pet 1:22-25***
  - Trust in God's grace and mercy. ***Heb 4:14-16***
  - Trust in God's promises. ***2 Cor 6:16 - 7:1***
- An attitude of complete trust equips us to follow Jesus and his word.

# A Willingness to Listen to Jesus

- We must be willing to listen.
  - Jesus said, *“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”* **John 8:31**
  - Jesus used parables because some people were unwilling to hear. **Matt 13:10-17**
  - When we listen to Jesus, we must also be willing to obey. **Matt 19:16-22**
- When we listen to Jesus, we know why and how we should obey.

# An Unwavering Obedience

- Our obedience must not waver.
  - Unwavering in doing God's will. ***Matt 7:21-23***
  - Unwavering in walking by faith. ***1 Cor 5:7***
  - Unwavering in walking as children of light.  
***Eph 5:8-12***
  - Unwavering in resisting the devil. ***1 Pet 5:8-9;***  
***cf. James 4:7***
- We must not draw back. ***Heb 10:35-39***

# An Unwavering Obedience

- Obeying the Lord without wavering affects every area of our lives.
  - Within our individual lives.
    - We let our light shine before others.
    - We resist the devil.
    - We seek first the kingdom of God.

# An Unwavering Obedience

- Obeying the Lord without wavering affects every area of our lives.
  - Our family life.
    - As fathers we fulfill our God given responsibilities.
    - As mothers we fulfill our God given responsibilities.
    - As children, we obey our parents and learn how to serve the Lord.

# An Unwavering Obedience

- Obeying the Lord without wavering affects every area of our lives.
  - Within the local church.
    - As members and fellow labors in this local work.
    - As part of the pillar and ground of truth.
    - In our collective worship of the Lord.

# Conclusion

- Like the apostles of Jesus, we too must...
  - Completely trust the Lord.
  - Listen to His teachings and His commands.
  - Always seek to obey Him without wavering.