Obedience to God

Luke 5:1-11

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine." (Exodus 19:5)

Obedience to God is the way to get closer to Him. Obedience leads to personal growth, and it is always to your benefit.

Peter was a fisherman. Every day he let his net down to earn a living. One day, after trying hard and yet catching nothing, Jesus approached him and advised him to let down the net once again. What would you do if you were Peter? Having worked all day and trying everything, yet with no success, would you listen to someone you do not know and who, to your knowledge, is not an expert in your trade. Peter was in such an arduous situation. Yet surprisingly (knowing his personality) he listened to Jesus. He took Jesus' advice and obeyed. And then the real surprise came. He caught so many fish that he needed extra hands.

Often time God will tell you to do something that may be tedious, or out of your way. Now that you have the eyewitness account of Peter and you have the advantage of knowing who God is, you have no excuse, but to listen and obey His command.

There is a blessing in every act of obedience. You might not always see the result right away, but it is there as God has predestined it for you. Peter that day trusted Jesus, even though he exactly did not know that Jesus was the Son of God. The blessing he received was not only the large amount of fish that he caught that day. The greater blessing, he got when a multitude of people came to know Jesus through his preaching and personal testimony.

Peter was a fisherman; thanks to his obedience he became a fisher of men. It does not matter who you are and how perfect your faith is. Add obedience to your faith, and your faith will be perfected. Remember faith without obedience is just fiction.

Conclusion: When God tells you to do something, just obey and let your net down. God will shed glory your way.

Amen