

## Commitment Leading to Disobedience A

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." Luke 5:4-5

Jesus asked Simon Peter to fish where Simon knew there would be no fish. Jesus was not a fisherman; Peter was. His request appeared irrational. Nevertheless, **Peter obeyed our Lord.**

A leper came to Jesus asking to be healed, and Jesus, "moved with compassion," heals the man "And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter."<sup>1</sup> **This leper was so grateful that he ignored the clear, specific command of Jesus not to tell anyone, resulting in Jesus' ministry being restricted to "desert places."** The ignoring of His wishes in this matter was total. Evidently, the leper thought Jesus' command not to share with others was irrational, possibly motivated by some form of modesty.

A man tells his wife and children that he does not want a celebration for his birthday, and because of their love and commitment to him, they ignore his wishes and plan a great celebration. It is easy for people under authority to ignore that authority when they feel they are seeking his best, often resulting in unintended consequences that they do not anticipate.

**One of the best indicators that you are His obedient slave** is when He asks you to do what appears to be nonsense, and you obey Him, resisting the temptation to modify His specific instructions.

<sup>1</sup> Mark 1:44-45