

VOICES

of Woodstock City

Part 3: Because You Say So

Introduction

No one likes unsolicited advice, but at times it feels like God gives a lot of it. In this message, we'll hear about the power of saying yes to his direction, regardless of whether we asked for it.

Discussion Questions

1. Talk about a time in your life when it seemed like you were getting a lot of unsolicited advice. What do you remember thinking or feeling on the other side of the unrequested input?
2. Why do you think it can be so tempting to give others advice they're not seeking from us?
3. The speaker likened God to the Unsolicited Advisor, wanting control *of you*, not a relationship *with you*. Have there been times when you've felt this way about God?
4. Read Luke 5:1–11 together. What are some of the responses you give Jesus when he asks you to do something that doesn't make sense? What makes trusting Jesus so difficult?
5. What do you think Peter may have learned about Jesus through trusting him and doing something he didn't understand by responding to Jesus in faith? What about those who heard their exchange and witnessed the outcome? How might they have been affected?
6. What is one area of your life where you can exercise "because you say so" faith? How can our group support you in taking this step?

Changing Your Mind

"But because you say so, I will..."

Luke 5:5