

Luke 5:1-11

"Peter Saw & Followed
Jesus"

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1. Introduction

a. Who is Simon Peter?

- follower of Jesus of Nazareth
- this happened in Jesus' 1st year of ministry

b. Simon was fisherman by trade

- blue collar worker
- owned his own fishing boat
- partners with his brother Andrew
- also partners with James & John sons of Zebedee

c. Simon called Jesus 'Master'

- Jesus used Simon's boat as platform to preach to crowd on shore

d. After Jesus finished preaching

- Jesus tells Simon to go fishing
- ~~At~~ Simon answers, "we worked all night"
- no fish in the nets - empty nets

2. Jesus is Lord

a. Simon believes Jesus' words

- At your word, I will let down the net

b. Miracle happens

- Simon caught so many fish
- * net in danger of breaking
- * he signaled his partners to help
- * so many fish two boats in danger of sinking

- 2c. Peter saw this miracle
- he fell down on his knees
 - "Oh Lord", he calls out
 - "I am a sinful man"
 - "Leave me" (depart from me)
- d. Peter's ~~is~~ recognizes Jesus as Lord
- e. Even entire crowd surprised at miracle

3. God's Ways Higher than Our Ways
- a. Jesus of Nazareth taught Peter a visual lesson in life
- b. Jesus spoke to Simon
- but He ~~was~~ also included Andrew, James, & John in the lesson
- c. Jesus tells them, "Do not be afraid"
- same thing ^{GOD} told Moses when he began to lead Israel out of Egypt
 - God spoke same thing to Joshua when he led Israel into Promised Land
- * Josh 1:6, 9

4. God "Uses" Imperfect People
- a. Who are imperfect people?
- Moses (Exod 3:11; 4:11, 10)
 - Joshua (Josh 5:14)
 - Bideon (Judges 6:22-23, 13-15)
 - Simon Peter (Lk 5:8)
- b. Jesus Asks for Disciples to follow Him
- Jesus calls people during their ordinary pursuits of life
 - * "I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 5:19; Mk 1:17)
 - * "You will catch men" (Lk 5:10)

5. Total Commitment
- a. Partial commitment is no commitment
- b. The four men left all behind (forsook all) & followed Jesus