

“Thankful to Serve Together”

Luke 5:1-11

- "From the beginning of time, God made it clear that it is not good for His people to be alone (Gen. 2:18). God designed us to cooperate. Throughout the Scriptures He speaks of His people as a community that accomplishes more together than separately. God did not create us as isolated individuals, each seeking to achieve our own goals. Rather, the success of our endeavors depends upon our interdependence. This is why He established the Church and released His Holy Spirit to empower the community of believers to spread the gospel. We are to be a kingdom of priests (1 Pet. 2:9).

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- Shaken (Luke 5:1-2)

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- 1) And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,
- 2) And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.

The Fishermen Had Given Up

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- Shaken (Luke 5:1-2)
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- Seeking (Luke 5:3-5)

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- 3) And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.
- 4) Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.
- 5) 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.

SEEKING

- They went out a little from the land
- Although the experienced fisherman, Peter, knew that the situation was impossible, he trusted Christ's word

*In order to seek must be willing
to leave our comfort zone*

Keep On Seeking

Matthew 7:7-8 (Amplified Bible)

- 7) Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you.
- 8) For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened.

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- 6) And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.
- 7) And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

SHARING

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- 8) When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
- 9) For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:
- 10) And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.
- 11) And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

SURRENDER

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Thankfulness Requires Reflection

Luke 17:12-15 (NASV)

- 12) As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;
- 13) and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
- 14) When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed.
- 15) Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,
