

# Luke 5 Pt 1 vv 1-26

Jesus

## I. At Your Word

- **God is no respecter of persons...**

1. Intelligence/Appearance/Status/Abilities/Disabilities
2. Gender/Race/Age/What we've done/Where we've come from...

**1 Samuel 16:7** ...the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, **but the Lord looks at the heart.**"

- **David's Mighty men?**

**1 Samuel 22:2** [Bums/Bad guys] ...everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented **gathered to him**. So he became captain over them. [Became his Mighty men].

David saw them as God sees us...**for what He knows we can be**

- **Gideon hiding** in a wine vat...

**Judges 6:12** The Lord is with you... you **mighty man of valor!**

- Whosoever has a heart after God

**Revelation 22:17** ... **Whoever desires...**let him take the water of life freely.

Praise God He calls the Whosoever!

God seeks people not found in the **who's/who...**but in the **who's he?** [JVM]

Eyes of Lord who created/sustains the universe: **Focused on a few fishermen...**

**1** So it was, as the multitude pressed about [Jesus] to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret...

- **Still in Galilee:** Lake of Gennesaret AKA Sea of Galilee

**Multitude pressed against Him!**

"With the pressure of a violent tempest" they pressed to **hear the Word**

- **Charles Spurgeon: 1853**

1. **Metropolitan** Tabernacle in London
2. **5000 seats/1000** more pressing in to **hear the Word of God**

This soon led to such crowds thronging the chapel that services had to be moved to a vast hired hall...then to the Royal Surrey Gardens Music Hall where up to **10,000 people assembled**. [NOTE: Boiler room prayer brought down power from on High]

2... and [Jesus] saw **two boats** standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. [Finished fishing] 3 Then **He got into one** of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And **He sat down and taught** the multitudes from the boat.

Jesus sat in boat/taught using natural acoustics of the water...symbol of Nations

**Psalm 29:3** The voice of the Lord is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The Lord is over many waters. 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

4 When [Jesus] had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have **toiled all night and caught nothing...**"

**Peter's initial reaction? ... You teach okay but your no fisherman.  
Jesus continues to stare...Peter realigns Himself with the will of God**

**5b...** "nevertheless **at Your word** I will let down the net."

**Though what you ask in counterintuitive to everything I know  
At Your Word I will obey...**

How very much may simple obedience partake of the [magnificent]! Peter went to take up the net, and let it down into the sea, and he said as naturally as possible, "**At your word** I will let down the net"; but then and there he was appealing to one of the grandest principles which rules among intelligent beings and to the strongest force which sways the universe: — "**At your word.**" Great God, it is "**at your word**" that seraphs fly and cherubs bow! Your angels who excel in strength do your commandments listening to the voice of your word. "**At your word**" space and time first came into existence, and everything else that exists. "

It is wonderful to think of the fisherman of Galilee letting down his net in perfect agreement with all the arrangements of the ages. His net obeys the law which regulates the spheres. His hand consciously does what Arc-turus and Orion are doing without thought. This little bell on the Galilean lake rings out in harmony with the everlasting chimes. "**At your word,**" says Peter, as he promptly obeys, by it repeating the watchword of seas and stars, of winds and worlds. It is glorious to be keeping step with the marchings of the armies of the King of kings like this.

This ought to be the rule of all Christians for their entire lives — "**At your word.**" This should direct us in the church and in the world; it should guide us in our spiritual beliefs and in our secular acts, "**At your word**" ... The power of the church/the power of the individual to please God shall never be fully known until we get back to the simple yet [magnificent] rule of our text, "**At your word.**" [Spurgeon]

**2 Corinthians 2:7** ...we walk by faith [in the Word of God], **not by sight.**

At your Word I will. You say/I do. No matter how counterintuitive it may seem, in spite of what onlookers may say or everything I see around me that contradicts the wisdom of Your command... **I will obey your Word and leave the results with You.** [NJC]

6 And when they had [let down the net], they caught a great number of fish, and their **net was breaking.** 7 So they signaled to their partners in the

other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

- **Fish Whisperer:** Calling fish as before [Jonah] again w Peter [Coin]
- **So many the net was breaking...**

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 and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Ever been blessed so much by God's grace you can't take it?  
Experience the contrast of our own sinfulness w/ the goodness of God?

- **Peter is ashamed of his unbelief:** May expect rebuke/condemnation...

Yet Peter receives from Jesus Comfort, Compassion, and Commission.

**10b...And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."**

**Eyes of the God of the Universe focus on one Fisherman. One Whosoever.**

- **Jesus calls 3 fishermen** Peter, James, and John
- He will use these whosoever to change the world forever

**Revelation 22:17 ...Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.**

We are the whosoever accepted by God where we were at yet...  
**Loved by God to much to leave us there...**

11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they **forsook all and followed Him.**

- **Forsook all:** That's what Salvation looks like. Forsaking all to receive all

**Luke 9:24 ...whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it...**

- Q.** How much are we called to give up of our old sinful selfish life? **A.** All  
**Q.** How much does Jesus want of us. **A.** All of us

**SUMMARY: Call of the Fishermen.** Jesus was their Master. At His Word they obeyed, forsook all/followed Him. We are called to do the same...

**Matthew 19:27 [Peter to Jesus] "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"** 28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

- **Peter:** What do we get?
  1. Sins forgiven/Hell a non-starter
  2. Eternal life/New Family/New Home
  3. Forever in the Light of Jesus
  
- **What did we leave?**
  1. Bondage/Shame/Guilt/Darkness/Confusion
  2. Life w/out purpose/meaning
  3. Horror of Eternal Judgment for Eternal Life

### **Our Broken Junk for Jesus Eternal Life**

**Romans 6:21** [Thinking about going back?] ...What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are **now ashamed?** For the **end of those things is death.** 22 But now having been **set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Good deal for us. Free Gift...Cost the Father everything. Today's the day  
 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ/Rose on 3<sup>rd</sup> Day and be saved.

**At Your Word I will. Cast in the Net**

## **II. He is Willing**

12 And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was **full of leprosy** saw Jesus...

- **Full of leprosy: lit.** Covered on every part
- Begins w/an itch/Followed by Pain/Numbness/Dirty Sores/Ulcers

The skin, especially around the eyes and ears, begins to bunch, with deep furrows between the swellings, so that the face of the afflicted individual begins to resemble that of a lion. Fingers drop off or are absorbed; toes are affected the same. His throat becomes hoarse, and you can now not only see, feel, and smell the leper, but you can hear his rasping voice. And if you stay with him for some time, you can even imagine a peculiar taste in your mouth, probably due to the odor.

- **Leprosy a Picture of sin**
  1. **Incurable** by human means
  2. **Contaminates** those it touches
  3. **Causes separation.** No one allowed to touch Him.

**12b...**and [man full of leprosy] fell on his face and implored [Jesus], saying, **"Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."**

Fell on his face and pleaded for mercy  
**I know you can if You want to...do you want to?**

13 Then [Jesus] put out His hand and **touched him**, saying, "**I am willing**; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him.

**I AM willing. Jesus touched him. The Leper  
Holy touching the Unholy. Whoever heard of such a thing?**

**Job 9:32** [There is no] **mediator** between us [me/God], Who may lay his hand on us both.

But there is Job: The God/Man Jesus Christ  
Bridging gap between Sinful Man and a Holy God

**1 Timothy 2:5** ...there is one God/one **Mediator** between God/men, the **Man Christ Jesus**

When Satan accuses us of being a filthy leper before the Father...Jesus steps in  
**This one is mine.** She's covered by My blood. He's forgiven. I paid the price for them

**The Unholy becomes Holy when touched by a Holy God...**

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins [implore God], He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins** and to **cleanse us** from all unrighteousness. [He is willing]

Jesus often varied the manner of healing, and usually He chose a particular manner that would be meaningful to the afflicted individual. [Guzik]

**Meant more to him than physical healing. Not been touched by anyone till now  
Jesus touched Him. Beauty came near... Immediately the leprosy left**

14 And [Jesus] charged him to **tell no one**, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded." 15 However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

- My time is not yet. **Tell no one. Someone did...**

**16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.**

- Re-charged by His Father/Holy Spirit

**SUMMARY: Jesus Heals the Man Full of Leprosy** Picture of our sin; eating away at our life, corrupting our flesh and others...incurable by human yet possible with God.

In case you're still wondering if he wants to heal you...**He is willing**

**III. But that you may know...**

17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were **Pharisees and teachers** of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem.

- Religious leaders come from all over to **scrutinize Jesus**

**17b... And [yet] the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**

- **Jesus re-charged from Father:** Spirit ready/willing to heal Religions Leaders?

**Problem?** Didn't know they were sick.  
Religion blinds people to their own sin...

**John 9:41** "If you were blind [Lit. If you admit your blindness], you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore **your sin remains.**

- **Q.** Hardest people to reach? **A.** Those who think there saved but are not...

**Revelation 3:15** I could wish you were cold or hot... you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 ...you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked

- **Cold** Jesus can work with the atheist/devil worshiper. At least honest
- **Hot** Jesus can work with those who have strong desire to know truth
- **L. Warm** Jesus cannot/will not attend to those who think they know but don't

1. **Legalists:** Currently Hebrew roots/Messianic movement
2. **Cultists:** JW, SDA, LDS
3. **Traditionalists:** Roman Catholic/Jews

Know some Scripture. Seek to teach/convert. Claim Salvation but Don't know Jesus.

**Salvation is found only in Christ apart from any of my works/trying harder**  
Salvation by Grace alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone.

**Romans 3:21** [Law cannot make us righteous] But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

- Sad. Power of the Lord was present to heal...they would not come

**John 5:9** [Of the religious] You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

- **Pride** My religion/church/tradition/goodness...It will save me. I will save me
- **Humility** Faith in Jesus is all I have/need...I can't save me. He will save me

Jesus saves those who admit their need like these guys...

**18 Then behold, men brought on a bed** a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

**Behold:** Hey man, check these guys out...  
Running toward house where Jesus is w/ guy on stretcher

19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

- **House too crowded:** Rig a pulley system get guy on roof/Start tearing off shingles

Jesus looks up/mid-sentence...

### **There's a guy being lowered down through ceiling**

20 When [Jesus] **saw their faith**, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

Laughing now, Jesus says... Check this out. Man, your sins are forgiven

- **First things first:** Man's greatest need is Salvation
  1. We're not here to save the environment ...**but to save souls!**
  2. We're not here to fix social problems ...**but to save souls!**

**2/4/2023** I'm talking about a church that understands that the gospel is justification by faith **and social justice**... Same pastor warned his congregation that when they don't give tithes and offerings to churches like his, they are perpetuating the [police brutality] situations of our society.

What people desperately need is forgiveness of sin...  
Not physical healing/certainly not religious manipulation

- Eternal Spiritual healing is more important than temporal change in God's economy

### **Jesus forgives the man's sin...still paralyzed**

Jesus in full control uses all this: Teaching moment for the religious leaders

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**"

- **Religious leaders silent thoughts:**
  1. Putting Himself in the place of God!
  2. Only God can forgive sin! **In this they were right.**

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### **Only God can forgive our sins because all sin is against God**

Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven

- **Only Two ways to resolve what Jesus said...**
  1. Jesus is blaspheming the Father saying He is God/Forgive sin

2. Jesus is God and can forgive sin. **How would they know?**

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, '**Rise up and walk**'?"

- **Read their minds:** Attribute of God is Omniscience. Should have been a clue

**Why are you questioning if I'm able to forgive sins? Okay...**  
Which is easier to say...**Your sins are forgiven** or **Rise up and walk**?

**Saying "your sins are forgiven"** is easier to say than **"rise up and walk"**  
**Because it's impossible to confirm...**

24 **...But that you may know** that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"

- **May know what?:** I have authority forgive and AM God

—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, **arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**"<sup>25</sup> Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and **departed to his own house**, glorifying God. 26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

Jesus demonstrated He has the power to do the invisible [forgive a man's sins] by doing something miraculous that they could see [healing his paralysis]. [Guzik]

**Spiritually Forgiven/Physically Healed...He arose and glorified God**

- People were amazed/glorified God/Filled w/ the fear of God [good thing] **and said...**

**We have seen strange things today!**

Power of the Spirit present to heal the hell bound Religious...but they did not need it?

**Mark 2:15** ... as He was dining in Levi's house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus/His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. 16 And when the scribes/Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "**How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?**" 17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, **but sinners, to repentance.**"

**Romans 3:10** [Problem]... it is written: "**There is none righteous, no, not one...**"

**They could have been whosoever...**

**Revelation 22:17**... Whoever desires [knows their need] ...let him take the water of **life freely.**