

The Miracle of the Fishes

Luke 5:1-11

Introduction:

1. Series Intro
2. **Luke 5:1-11** Commentary
3. If you give Him your life, you won't regret it; and if you don't, you will never know what He may have wanted to do with your life.

Giving God your life requires...

- I. **Awe of God** – V. 8
 1. Until God is big to you, you will never possess the strength to obey Him. How you view Jesus today determines the level you follow Him tomorrow.
 2. **Luke 5** – Peter begs Jesus to leave, because He is holy, and Peter is a sinner. In other words, Peter was unworthy to be in the very presence of Jesus.
 3. **John 21** – This happens a second time. This time, Jesus is on the shore and calls out to the disciples who had fished all night and caught nothing. He said "Have you tried the other side of the boat? They had more fish than they knew what to do with. When Peter realized that it was Jesus (His Lord), he jumped into the sea and swam to Jesus. The other disciples stayed in the boat and rode to shore probably saying "dude, you want to ride?"

- **We are unworthy, but He invites us anyway** – It is by the grace of Almighty God that I am where I am at today. No one is less deserving to be in ministry today than I am, but God invited me to be a part of His mission, and I said yes. You never know what hangs in the balance of you saying YES to His call.
- **When you get a glimpse of who Jesus really is, you will follow Him anywhere** – When we understand who He is. You say who is He? He is the creator of all. He is the alpha and the Omega. He is the sustainer of all. He is good. He is merciful. He is graceful. He is love. He is compassionate. He is the Mighty God. He is the Everlasting Father, and He is the Wonderful Counselor. He is holy, holy, holy. Do you realize who He is? If we are running from God or not accepting His call, it is probably because we don't know who we are dealing with, because when you understand who you are dealing with, you will follow Him anywhere.

II. **A Commitment to the mission** – V. 10

1. Jesus gives an invitation, but not to come, but to go!
2. **What do you think your purpose is here on this earth?** To make money; to retire and chill with the grandkids; to make a name for

yourself; to work a good job? Jesus wants to use you to impact eternity. He wants to use the net that you have been fishing with and fill it with things of eternal value.

3. The Apostle Paul understood his purpose. Now, his purpose may be fleshed out differently than yours, but our reason for living should be the same.
4. **Romans 5:21 – But as it is written, to whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.**
5. If your life is not part of God's grander purpose, then it is a wasted life. Don't waste your life on things that do not matter. Don't waste your life chasing money, fame, popularity, or toys.
6. John Piper says that there are only three options for the mission of God: Go, send, or disobey.

III. Complete surrender to Him - V.11

1. "They forsook all and followed Him."
2. God doesn't want just part of you, He wants all of you. In fact, part surrender is not good enough. He wants total surrender.
3. Have you ever taken your hands fully off your life and said "Jesus, it's yours." All of it.
4. **Illus:** Net: God, I am laying my net down before you! Fill it with whatever you want to fill it with.
5. Isn't it interesting how Jesus held nothing back for us, but it is common for us to hold stuff back from Him?

Conclusion:

1. Every single day, we should thank God for what He gave up to free us from the bondage of sin and for us to have a home in Heaven, and we should go and do the same for others.
2. **EVERY** - The mission of God is not just for those who are full time in Christian service, it is for EVERY believer.
3. Pray and let the Spirit lead.