

Beach Break
Living in God's Blessing
Luke 5:1-11

Beach Break: Meeting Jesus on the Shore...

Series Truth!

We go to break the monotony, but Jesus comes to break us for more!

Matthew and Mark tell the story exactly the same...

John, one of the four, adds a couple of important pre-story tidbits that help fill out the whole story...

Luke, however, adds a couple of important parts to the story that we are going to focus on next week

Interesting note... Matthew, nor Mark, nor John mention the miraculous catch of fish... only Luke does...

Luke 5:1–11 (ESV) — On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put

out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 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. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

1. STRESSING Life's Difficulties

Luke 5:1–2 (ESV) — On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.



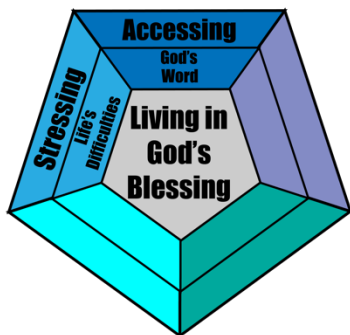
Galatians 6:9 (ESV) — And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Philippians 4:6–7 (NLT) — Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

1. STRESSING Life's Difficulties

2. ACCESSING God's Word

Luke 5:3–4 (ESV) — Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."



Question: What is God's REPORT regarding your EMPTY NETS?

Jesus had watched Peter and Andrew earlier while they were fishing...

Mark 1:16 (ESV) — Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

Jesus knew they had caught NO FISH...

So Jesus asks Peter if He can teach from their boat...

After teaching, Jesus gives Peter a Word about his empty nets...

Luke 5:4 (ESV) — And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

Peter and Andrew had received GOD'S REPORT about their empty nets!

In your life, what are your "EMPTY NETS"...

→ Those areas where you are trying hard, but coming up empty...

- **Maybe it's your FINANCES...**
- **Maybe it's your MARRIAGE...**
- **Maybe it's your HEALTH...**
- **Maybe it's your WORK...**

What are your EMPTY NETS?

Question #2 – How do I get God's Report?

#1 – Believe the Lord has a Word for you!

Most often quoted statement by Jesus in the Bible...

Matthew 11:15 (ESV) — He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

#2 – Ask the Lord for His report!

Matthew 7:7–11 (ESV) — “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

#3 – Listen for the Lord’s answer!

Luke 18:1 (ESV) — And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

#4 – Receive the Lord’s report!

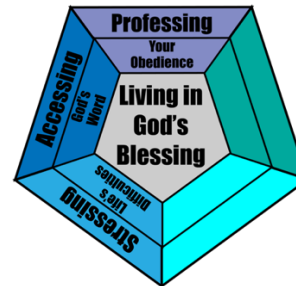
#5 – Confirm the Lord’s report!

1. STRESSING Life’s Difficulties

2. ACCESSING God’s Word

3. PROFESSING Your Obedience

Luke 5:5 (ESV) — And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.”



I just gave you the first 5 of 6 steps in receiving GOD’S REPORT...

#1 – Believe the Lord has a Word for you!

#2 – Ask the Lord for His report!

#3 – Listen for the Lord’s answer!

#4 – Receive the Lord’s report!

#5 – Confirm the Lord’s report!

But there is ONE MORE...

#6 – Believe the Lord’s report!

➤ **To BELIEVE God’s Word is to OBEY God’s Word!**

John 14:15 (ESV) — If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Peter’s response is the response the Lord is looking for!

Luke 5:5 (ESV) — And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.”

Let’s listen to Peter’s response in what he was probably actually saying...

“Um, Jesus, we are professional fishermen ... this is what we do for a living.

And we worked our bodies to death last night ... we’re exhausted, starving, and empty-handed.

Nighttime is the best time for fishing, not in the heat of the day ...

And we don’t fish in the deep waters because our nets won’t reach down deep enough.

Plus, we just cleaned our nets for fishing again tonight.

What you are asking us to do seems like a bad idea ... BUT AT YOUR WORD I’LL DO IT.”

➤ **Jesus is not looking for our UNDERSTANDING, but our OBEDIENCE!**

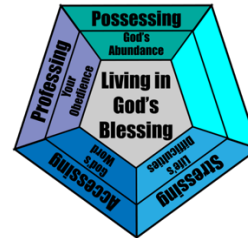
1. STRESSING Life’s Difficulties

2. ACCESSING God’s Word

3. PROFESSING Your Obedience

4. POSSESSING God’s Abundance

Luke 5:6–7 (ESV) — And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 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.



The Lord knows your needs!

The Lord is not stingy with His Kingdom abundance!

➤ **Jesus often calls us into the IMPOSSIBLE to experience the SUPERNATURAL!**

→ **STORY – Brian buying gift for Woods**

- Yesterday Brian called me
- Woods had really been good and his birthday is coming up this week
- So Brian decided to get him an early “birthday” present...

Matthew 7:11 (ESV) — If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

1. STRESSING Life’s Difficulties

2. **ACCESSING God's Word**

3. **PROFESSING Your Obedience**

4. **POSSESSING God's Abundance**

5. **CONFESSING Your Allegiance**

Luke 5:8–11 (ESV) — *But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.*

What was his response?

Isaiah 6:5 (ESV) — *And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"*

The purpose of the catch was not to load their boats with fish!

While Simon and Andrew were catching fish, Jesus was catching them!

Luke 5:11 (ESV) — *And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.*

Living in God's blessing is about living with God the Blessor!



- ***Until you've had a PERSONAL encounter with Jesus, you will NEVER see Him for Who He really IS and yourself for who you really ARE.***

A prophet in the OT named Isaiah had a personal encounter with God... "He saw the Lord..."

**Beach Break
Living in God's Blessing
Luke 5:1-11**

1. _____ **Life's Difficulties**

2. _____ **God's Word**

Question: What is God's _____ regarding your _____
_____?

3. _____ **Your Obedience**

➤ To _____ God's Word is to _____ God's Word!

➤ Jesus is not looking for your _____, but your
_____!

4. _____ **God's Abundance**

➤ Jesus often calls us into the _____ to experience the
_____!

5. _____ **Your Allegiance**

➤ Until you've had a _____ encounter with Jesus, you will
_____ see Him for Who He really _____ and yourself for who
you really _____.