

## LET DOWN YOUR NETS

Luke 5:1-11

True faith always calls us beyond our limitations, to the unlimited ability and resources of God!

(v.1-3) Sea of Galilee - Lake of Gennesaret – meaning, “garden of riches.”

(Hebrews 11:6) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Two characteristics of “mediocre faith.”

1) It gives up too soon. (v.2)

2) A little trust in God. (v.4-5).

*“Not so Lord!” (Acts 10:14) The ultimate “oxymoronic” statement, against our faith!*

To launch out into the deep, requires a two-fold mindset.

(1) Abandoning our reliance upon human expertise.

Peter knew fishing! But Jesus created the fish!

(2) Possessing a “nevertheless faith.”

(Romans 10:17) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Nevertheless – Literally: that which was previously mentioned.

(Job 13:15a) Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.

(Job 19:25-26) For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God.

(v.6, 7) Lesson: *one man's obedience, “impacted” (blessed), the lives of others!*

Abraham - (Romans 4:20-21) He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

The God of “above and beyond!” (v.7, 8).

Notice: there is no place for pride in the deep! “*Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord.*”

“True Worship” is found in the deep waters of life!

**(Psalm 103:10-12) He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

**APPLICATION: (v.9-11). Three-fold:**

- (1) Letting down our nets enables us to forsake all.**
- (2) The miracle was less about them and more about God.**
- (3) Our nets should be cast in faith, not fear.**

**David prayed: Psalm 130.**

**CONCLUSION: (Jeremiah 29:11-13) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.**