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JOY RIDE | WEEK THREE
THE SHORELINE'S 17TH ANNIVERSARY!

LUKE 5

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. 2 He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. 3 Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.







4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.” 5 “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” 6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” 9 For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. 10 His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” 11 And as soon as they landed [at The Shoreline], they left everything and followed Jesus.

CAPTURED FOR LIFE

“Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!”

1. This is literally “you will be taking men alive” – capturing them for life!
 - A. In their old business they caught live fish and brought them to death, but in the new business they will be catching dead men and bringing them to life!
- “Don’t be afraid!” What is the scariest aspect of sharing Jesus with others for you?
- “Fishing for people”
 2. This is Peter’s (and John and James’) new ministry.
 - Jesus transforms everyday people (even sinful people, like Peter) into activated partners in His great cause of catching people for God.
 - The greatest purpose we can have in life is to follow Jesus in catching men for Him.

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11 “And as soon as they landed [@ The Shoreline], they left everything and followed Jesus.”

1. It is NOT our desire to see you go from Alive to Anchored to Attending! We want you Activated for mission!
 - Boats, fish, nets, business etc. ceased to engage their thoughts from this moment forward.
 - To catch men alive for Christ we must shift our focus from success in business and in the world to success in catching men for Jesus.
 - The people you are in contact with are your mission field.
2. Everything was now turned toward one purpose— discipleship to Jesus Christ.

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We all must ask ourselves, “Am I activated for Christ’s purpose in my life?”

1. My life is not my own and I have gifts to be put to use for catching men alive!
2. When my life is over will I have used my ‘everything’ toward God’s purpose?
3. Will there be people in Heaven because I joined the cause of Christ?