

Luke
See Jesus
The Leap of Your Life
Luke 5:1-11

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In what ways is this fishing story and the interaction between Jesus and Peter relevant for your life today?

I. Jesus meets you right where you are, but His presence invades and exposes all that is relevant.

A. Who He is comes into view.

Luke 5:8 "...O Lord."

If we see Him fully, our view of our greatest need gets in focus.

Jesus is seated in Peter's boat. His domain is this boat. Jesus met him right there and He meets you right where you live in places that define you.

B. Who you are comes into view—a sinner, desiring to get away or for Him to get away from you.

Luke 5:8 "But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man...'"

His presence reveals that He has dominion over all of life; your life and sinfulness come into view.

II. Jesus compels you to obey Him in the everyday aspects of your life.

A. Hear His call to obey in things that you think you know plenty about.

Jesus actually knows more about fishing than Peter does, He knows more about what you need to do, and what that will open up for your life.

B. He calls you to leave your sin and fear.

When we say "go away," He says, "No and don't be afraid."

C. He calls you to leave what you depend on.

When you come to know Christ, He gives you a new identity, wrapped up in your relationship with Him.

III. Jesus invites you to live for something far greater than what you view as success or your life goal.

Luke 5:11 “And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.”

Following Christ is not following your heart wherever your heart leads. No part of that has Christ as Lord of your life, where He gets to call the shots.

A. Peter left security for something greater.

Jesus comes to change what you trust, where you get meaning, and how you see success.

B. Peter was called to leave something significant for the promise of something better.

They left more than the boats and nets, they left the biggest success they had known—the multitude of fish.

C. They were called to follow Jesus to be His disciples.

You are called to trust Jesus with your life and to live with greater purpose to reach others with the life changing message of Christ.

Christ does not invite you to be a casual acquaintance. He radically reorients your life. If you are going to see Jesus accurately, you will need to grapple with this reality. He wants more for you than you do. He wants you to know what it means to live sent—to find a new identity and purpose that will outlive you!

There is no casual Christianity. It is not an add-on to the other key elements of who you are. What can seem radical because of what we value is actually ordinary when you see Jesus for who He is, and He is to be known and treasured above all else.