

GraceLife

Living a Less than Perfect Life Luke 5

Luke 5:1–11 (HCSB)

As the crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear God’s word, He was standing by Lake Gennesaret. He saw two boats at the edge of the lake; the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the land. Then He sat down and was teaching the crowds from the boat.

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” “Master,” Simon replied, “we’ve worked hard all night long and caught nothing! But at Your word, I’ll let down the nets.” When they did this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, because I’m a sinful man, Lord!” For he and all those with him were amazed at the catch of fish they took, and so were James and John, Zebedee’s sons, who were Simon’s partners. Don’t be afraid,” Jesus told Simon. “From now on you will be catching people!” Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed Him.

I. Welcome the Presence of Jesus

Verse 2-3 – “He saw two boats at the edge of the lake... He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon and asked him to put out a little from the land.”

Exodus 33:15 (NIV)

“If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (HCSB)

“Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you; He will not leave you or forsake you.”

II. Obey the Plan of Jesus

Verse 4-6 – When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” “Master,” Simon replied, “we’ve worked hard all night long and caught nothing! But at Your word, I’ll let down the nets.”

III. Trust the Promise of Jesus

Verse 5-6 – “...But at Your word, I’ll let down the nets. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish...”

IV. Experience the Power of Jesus

Verses 6–8 – “...They caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, because I’m a sinful man, Lord!” For he and all those with him were amazed at the catch of fish ... Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed Him.

Genuine Success Always leads to:

- Generosity
- Humility
- Surrender