

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Morning Worship  
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TITLE : **DEEPER WATERS, DEEPER SENSES**  
Text/s :

Luke 5:1-11

- 1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,
- 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.
- 3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.
- 4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.
- 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.
- 6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.
- 7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.
- 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
- 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:
- 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.
- 11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Bible Reading :

Ps 107:23-24

- 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
- 24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

Song/s :

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## INTRODUCTION

They are not the “shoreline” Christians but those who launch out and do business in “deep waters” that see the works of the Lord.

And the Lord does not want us to just be “shoreline” Christians, pastors, preachers, students, workers, members and churches. In so many instances in the Bible, we are admonished to have a deeper sense of Christian life. See the following verses:

Ps 107:23-24

- 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
- 24 These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

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Mark 4:5

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

Rom 11:33

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Eph 3:17-19

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Eph 1:18-19

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,  
19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Phil 3:8

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Ps 92:5

5 O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

- A) In the story, the Lord Jesus commanded the disciples to launch out into the deep without exactly asking them what they had gone through.**

Luke 5:4-5

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.**

5 And Simon answering said unto him, **Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing:**

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Whatever God can do for and through us isn't or are not dictated by what we have gone through before. What we may accomplish in the work of God is not conditioned upon our past.

- B) Their launching out into deeper waters is commanded regardless of their circumstance.**

Luke 5:5

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

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Consider their circumstance...

- 1) They toiled all night;
- 2) They had negative results;
- 3) The time in which the command was command wasn't exactly ideal;

- 4) The command to launch was not given by a known, competent fisherman. And Peter should know. It was their trade.

It was a good thing, however, that Simon was willing to let down the net. And rightly so because the Lord intended for them to realize what things come after they have done so.

- C) It is not simply the draught of fishes that the Lord wanted them to experience. Rather the Lord wanted them to realize more. He wanted them to realize...

1) A deeper sense of obedience to God's Word.

Luke 5:5-6

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: **nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.**

6 **And when they had this done,** they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

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"When they had done this" is simply saying, "When they obeyed Christ..."

The most important quality of any servant of God is obedience.

The most important quality of everyone who does the work of God is obedience.

The most important quality of any church is obedience.

Take note of the virtue of obedience in the Great Commission of Christ:

Matt 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to **observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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After saying, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" he tells King Agrippa,

Acts 26:19

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

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Paul tells the Philippian church:

Phil 4:9

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

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He tells the Thessalonian church:

1 Thess 5:21

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

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He tells Timothy:

2 Tim 2:1-2

2 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.  
2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also  
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James says,

James 1:22-25

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.  
23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:  
24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.  
25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.  
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Peter says,

Rom 6:17-18

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.  
18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.  
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## 2) A deeper sense involvement and taking part (partaker in the ministry)

Luke 5:7

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.  
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Eph 4:14-16

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;  
15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:  
16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.  
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1 Cor 12:12-28

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.  
13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.  
14 For the body is not one member, but many.  
15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?  
16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

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Acts 2:44-45

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

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Acts 4:34-35

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

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Eph 4:28

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

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We see this in all the practices of the churches in the New Testament.

- The church at Antioch became a partaker of the Judaeen churches.

Acts 11:29-30

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:

30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

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- The churches in Macedonia became partakers of Paul's ministry.

2 Cor 8:3-5

3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

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- The church of Philippi did their part.

Phil 4:15-16

15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

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Phil 4:10

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

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- Priscilla and Aquila did their part.

Rom 16:3-4

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

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Gal 6:2

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

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Rom 15:1

15 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

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### 3) A deeper sense of humility and dependence on God.

Luke 5:8

8 When Simon Peter saw it, **he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.**

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1 Cor 15:9-10

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

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1 Cor 4:7

7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?  
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**4) A deeper sense of realization of what God can do for and through His people once they obey**

Luke 5:9

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:  
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1 Cor 3:5-7

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?  
6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.  
7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.  
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Eph 1:18-19

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,  
19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,  
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Eph 3:20-21

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,  
21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.  
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**5) A deeper sense of fearlessness**

Luke 5:10

10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. **And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not;** from henceforth thou shalt catch men.  
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So, what are we afraid of? What and who do we fear?

2 Tim 1:7-8

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.  
8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;  
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**6) A deeper sense of commitment and surrender.**

Luke 5:11

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, **they forsook all, and followed him.**

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We need to have a deeper sense of commitment and surrender to Christ, ready to forsake all to follow Him.

- The enticements of this world may be so strong, but we need to forsake them.
- The keeping of Biblical doctrines and practices are so loosed, but we need to keep them faithfully.
- The promise of growth through evangelicalism is so attractive, but we need to be more committed to our kind of approach and method.

Phil 3:7-8

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

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Luke 18:28-30

28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

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