

MESSAGE

Occasion : Evening Worship
Date : January 25, 2015 / April 2, 2017

TITLE : BEYOND THE LAUNCHING (AND THE DRAUGHT OF FISHES)
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 107:21-30

21 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.
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.
25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
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1 Peter 2:5-10

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.
7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.
9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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Song/s :

INTRODUCTION

It is not the "shoreline" Christians but those who launch out and do business in "deep waters" that see the works of the Lord.

The Lord does not want us to just be "shoreline" believers. In 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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Matt 19:27

27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

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Luke 18:28

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

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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, KJV

Phil 2:5-11

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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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) The Lord commanded the disciples to launch out into the deep without exactly asking them what they had gone through.

Luke 5:4

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

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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- 1) All-night toiling
- 2) Negative results
- 3) Time of the day
- 4) However they think of God's Word.

C) It is not simply the draught of fishes that the Lord wanted them to realize. Rather,

1) A deeper sense of recognition regarding the truthfulness of God's Word

Luke 5:6

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..."

Gal 6:9

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
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Matt 28:20

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you
always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
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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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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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Acts 9:6

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto
him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

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2) A deeper sense of partnership and unity

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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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 unworthiness

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

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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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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. A deeper sense of living for God's pleasure.

Luke 5:11

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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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2 Peter 3:11-14

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

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