

Luke 5:1-11 Where's the catch?

1 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But 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 and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. 11 And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Context

Place

Sea of Galilee was a hive of activity

Jesus preaching in the community as well as in the synagogue

People are desperate to hear the gospel

Peter

2 boats, 1 belonging to Peter

Washing their nets - tending to their business

Peter's 1st encounter with Jesus - John 1:42

(Possible) 2nd encounter with Jesus - Luke 4:38 - Mother in law

But in Matt.8:14 it comes after

(Possible) 3rd encounter - Matt.4:18 & Mk.1:16 - fishers of people

asked him to put out a little from the land

- Comfortable & safe

- Get out any time

Catching fish or catching feelings?

"4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5a And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing!..."

- Caught feeling angry, disappointed, hopeless, doubting, afraid, tired, EMPTY

- The more I make my life and my concerns about me, the more I come up disappointed and empty

- Intimacy is risky

- Jesus was telling Peter to trust Him

Prov.3:5-6 ESV

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

- If Peter's boat had been full, would there be room for Jesus?

- Are there things that fill up our lives?

Ephesians 5:17-18 ESV

17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

- Be Caught by his holy spirit - be filled by his holy spirit

- His Holy Spirit guides us into all truth and to His Word and His will

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 NLT

11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

Catch His Word

""5b ...But at your word I will let down the nets."

- Faith is how God wants us to respond to His word and his promises. What has been spoken over your life and by who?

- At who's word? Because you say so (NIV) who said so?! Not Andrew or anybody else! Not Simon!

Remember Simon Says? Catch this! This was Simon declaring "Jesus says..." to everything that spoke to his senses, his feelings, and his sanity! Did u catch it? Ok. Let's play Jesus says...

- Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not yet seen. That "substance" and "evidence" is found IN THE PERSON OF CHRIST! Jesus was and is the present reality.

Who is speaking over your life? Is it your circumstance and your feelings? Is it other people? Or is it God?

Even when having faith for "good" things, what/who is the basis/substance/evidence? Who said you will live a long life? Who said you will be healed from sickness? Who said you will have a good job

and own your own home? Who said this economy will recover? That corruption will come to an end? That justice will prevail? Are you sure its God? Or is it just you and your wishful thinking? If you're not absolutely sure its God then who/what is your faith really in?

- **Make sure u know its God** who said it! Peter knew...

"6 And **when they had done this**, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking." 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink."

- Peter backs up his statement with **action**. I can see you trust the chair you are sitting in because you've put your weight on it. Faith without works is...?

Catch The Revelation

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Isaiah 6:1-8

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above

him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

- Without a **revelation** of how bad we are we can never understand the grace of God. - Rob: Sola Gratia

- Simon **thought he could save himself** by getting to a point where his good would eventually outweigh his bad. Yet The Gospel is about Jesus's good outweighing our bad.

It's God's kindness (/goodness) that leads us to repentance, not fear!

Romans 2:4-5 NLT

4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that **his kindness** is intended to turn you from your sin? 5 **But** because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment

for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

The Catch

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1 John 4:18-19

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.

Jesus knew Simon would betray him but chose him anyway. Jesus knows we will continue to struggle with sin but he chooses us anyway.

John 21:7 NLT

21 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.

Jesus was saying to Simon you will fish for people and you will catch them - you will have a heart a desire a compassion for people and want to build relationships for the sake of The Kingdom of God and you will succeed.

Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

The catch (the real miracle) is not the fish. Its Jesus' ability to choose and catch lost people and transform their lives from catching nothing but feelings to catching others they once were like.

- Caught to catch