

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"The Miraculous Catch"**  
**Luke 5:1-11**  
**Study-15**

**John 15:5 for apart from Me you can do nothing.**

**As hard as failure is, it is an important tool of God because it has a way of getting our attention and making us teachable.**

**Luke 4:14-9:50 The Ministry Of The Son Of Man:**

**Luke 5 "The Lord Deals With People"**

**Verses 1-11 Peter, And 3 Disciples;   Verses 12-16 A Man With Leprosy;  
Verses 17-26 A Paralytic;               Verses 27-32 Matthew;  
Verses 33-39 Pharisee's And Scribes**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Miraculous Catch Was God's Way Of Convincing His Disciples That They Must Be Fully Committed To God's Service."

- 1. Verses 1-3 The Setting**
- 2. Verses 4-7 The Catch**
- 3. Verses 8-11 The Response**

**1. Verses 1-3 The Setting**

**Luke 5:1 Now** is the change of direction in Luke's account. Jesus' acceptance in Capernaum, where the city begged Him to stay in contrast to His rejection in Nazareth.

**Luke 4:44 synagogues of Judea.** Jesus went South. Jesus returns to Galilee.

**it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him.**

This is a period in Jesus' ministry called "**The Popularity Of Jesus.**"

**pressing around Him** literally, "*to press like a grape*" *Rockstar, Celebrity Status.*

**and listening to the word of God, Luke 4:32**

The words "**the word of God**" can mean "*the word that comes from God*" or "*the word that tells of God.*"

**Pictures Of The Sea Of Galilee: He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret,** 13 miles by 7 miles, the lowest freshwater lake in the world, 705 feet below sea level. The Dead Sea is 1412 below sea level, the lowest on earth.

**Luke 5:2 fishermen had gotten out of them Luke 5:10**

**washing their nets (Fishermen - Casting, Dragging, Washing, and Mending) nets** (*dragnets*), a net that was placed in the water in a semicircle in about 100 feet. Backbreaking work of lowering by hand and then pulling back up.

**Luke 5:3 asked him to put out a little way from the land.**

So many people that Jesus would have been crushed by the people.

**Sometimes service for Jesus can start rather innocently.**

## **2. Verses 4-7 The Catch**

**Luke 5:4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon,**

Notice that Jesus dealt with crowds and with individuals. Jesus was a people person.

**"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."**

Jesus' command was contrary to sound fishing. Sea of Galilee, you fish at night in the shallow water, not at noon in the deep water.

**Jesus will ask us to do things that seem to go against the norm.**

**Verse 5 Failure: Luke 5:5 "Master,** *commander, chief, captain of a great ship, captain of our souls."*

**Paraphrase:** *"The idea of telling us fishermen, who know the lake so well, to toil in the morning! Unreasonable, so I'm unwilling-yet just as you say-but I know it will do no good!"*

**we worked hard all night and caught nothing,  
We must come clean with Jesus and admit/confess that we are not fruitful; That we have not caught anything.**

**We must fail in order to succeed.**

**Verse 5 Faith: but I will do as You say and let down the nets."  
(Faith, Teachable/Obedient)**

**Verse 6 Fullness: Luke 5:6 When they had done this,**

The faith and obedience of Peter and Andrew.

**they enclosed a great quantity of fish; and their nets began to break; Psalm 8:6-8** God's Dominion over the fish of the sea. Jesus, master over nature! **Ephesians 6:18-20**

**Verse 7 Fellowship: so they signaled to their partners in the other boat, for them to come and help them. We are not reservoirs but channels of God's blessings!**

Fishing boats measure 7 ½ feet wide by 27 feet long. This would be several tons of fish.

### **3. Verses 8-11 The Response**

**Luke 5:8 But when Simon Peter saw that,** the name **Simon** – is his BC name given at birth, **Peter** – the name given by Jesus, "*rock.*"

**he fell down at Jesus' feet,** Peter being a fisherman recognized this catch was a miracle. **Revelation 1:17** Moses in giving the Ten Commandments **Exodus 20:19**

**saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Awareness Of Jesus:**

**Awareness Of Sin: "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!"**  
Peter was aware of his sin. **Know that I am a sinner. Romans 3:23**

When Isaiah saw the Lord: **Isaiah 6:1,5**

**Jesus is looking for those that are poor, blind and oppressed.**  
Peter saw himself as poor in spirit. **Matthew 5:4**

**"Go away from me, Lord, Peter needed to learn that a man is never more pleasing to God as when a man senses his own shame before a holy God!**

Later after the resurrection, Peter returned to the same Sea of Galilee.  
**John 21:5-7**

**Luke 5:9 For amazement had seized him** "*to be astonished, blow your mind, overwhelming feeling of stunning wonder*" **all his companions**  
(Andrew, James & John)

**Luke 5:10** Partnership of Peter his brother Andrew with James and John.

**And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear,** The fear that God had invaded his world and I am a sinner. **Proverbs 16:6**

**"Do not fear,** "*stop being fearful*" Jesus pinpoints Peter's great weakness, which was fear. Later, Peter will deny Jesus **3 times** as a result of fear.  
(Fear of Commitment)

**"catching men" literally, "to catch alive men" or "from now on you will catch men alive, habitual, continuously catch men" Peter is the representative disciple here.**

**Verse 11 they left everything (Peter, Andrew, James & John)**

**Book of Acts Records Peter "Catch Alive Men" Acts 2:41; Acts 4:4**

**"Catching Men For Life" what a great description of the Gospel Ministry. Jesus says three things by this statement:**

- 1. Serving God Is Fishing For Men:** To deliver people from the fallen world.
- 2. Serving God Is Miraculous Business:** picture of the miraculous catch was a work that God was going to do through Peter.
- 3. Serving God We Should Expect The Power Of God To Reach Men:**

**Luke 5:11 they left everything and followed Him.** These men were called 3 times. (1<sup>st</sup>) Discipleship **John 1:35-51**; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Service **Mathew 4:18-22; Mark 1:13-20; Luke 5:1-11**, their obedience had been partial. They would return to fishing (3<sup>rd</sup>) Apostleship **Luke 6:12-16**

**they left everything** - Shut down the fishing business and dissolved the partnership.

**they left everything (Expect to give something up to follow Jesus)**

**Jesus has His ways of changing our priorities.**

**There are different vocations, but all are all called to catch men alive.**

**and followed Him.** This means *"deepest inward attachment, to behave in agreement with, walk your talk."*

**Application:** Peter Had 4 Qualities Jesus Is Looking For:

- 1. Willingness To Do What Jesus Commands, "Casting out the nets."**
- 2. Humility – Confessing Our Sinfulness And Weakness Is The Way Of Strength. God Can Then Empower Us And Direct Us In His Service.**
- 3. Fully Committed – "They left everything and followed Him."**
- 4. We Need To See Our Calling As Catching People For Jesus.**