

LUKE 5 : 1 - 11

Call to Follow

The Gospel of Luke Sermon Series #6

W H E R E W E A R E

Jesus has taught

Jesus has healed

Jesus has not yet called

Bible Reading — Luke 5:1-4 (ESV)

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Bible Reading — Luke 5:5-8 (ESV)

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.”

Bible Reading — Luke 5:9-11 (ESV)

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. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

M E E T S I M O N

The wrong night
The empty nets
A voice on the shore

Call to Follow · Luke 5:1-11

AND YOU?

The wrong week.

The empty heart.

A voice you cannot quite ignore.

Simon is not the only one in this story.

When you see who is in your boat,
you will *leave everything*.

Simon's Journey — and Ours

1

Jesus borrows what Simon has

What Simon loses before he knows it • vv. 1-3

2

Jesus commands what Simon could not master

What Simon obeys before he understands • vv. 4-9

3

Jesus catches what Simon could not keep

What Simon sees makes him leave everything • vv. 8-11

P O I N T O N E • T H E B O R R O W E D B O A T • L u k e
5 : 1 - 3

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The empty nets. The call.



The call of Jesus does not begin with a
choice

It begins with *grace* – coming first

Jesus borrows what Simon has



POINT 1 — THE BORROWED BOAT

Failed Boat

First Pulpit

POINT 1 — THE BORROWED BOAT

What is your boat?

The place Jesus is already preaching from — without your permission.

A Tuesday uni study group.

A Wednesday Pilates class.

A Thursday team meeting.

A Friday mother's group.

Look for the place a spiritual conversation keeps starting.

P O I N T T W O · T H E D E E P · L u k e 5 : 4 - 9

Jesus commands what Simon could not master.

What Simon obeys before he understands.

L u k e 5 : 4 (E S V)

⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “***Put out into the deep*** and let down your nets for a catch.”

Jesus Does Not Lead with the Deep

ἐπὶ τὸ μικρόν · just a little

v . 3

***“put out a little
from the land.”***

The first call is modest.

v . 4

***“put out into
the deep.”***

The full call always comes.

Every little borrowing of your boat is preparing you for the deep.

L u k e 5 : 5 (E S V)

*“Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! **But at your word** I will let down the nets.”*

What has Jesus told you
that you have refused?

— because you know better.

*You don't need to trust him first.
You just need to let down the net
at his word.*

*“And when they had done this, they **enclosed** a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 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.**”*

“But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “ *Depart from me, **for I am a sinful man, O Lord.***”

The Shift in Peter's Confession

Peter is no longer addressing a rabbi. He is addressing the LORD.

v . 5

“Master”

a teacher to obey

v . 8

“Lord”

the LORD of the Old Testament

Simon Sees What Isaiah Saw

This is the prayer of every great calling

ISAIAH 6

“Woe is me!

***For I am a man of
unclean lips.”***

In the temple. The seraphim cried.

LUKE 5:8

***“Depart from me,
for I am a sinful man, O
Lord.”***

In a fishing boat. With one Voice.

Simon has not just seen a fishing miracle; he has seen the LORD.

P O I N T T H R E E · T H E R E V E L A T I O N · L u k e
5 : 8 - 1 1

Jesus catches what Simon could not keep.

What Simon sees makes him leave everything.

L u k e 5 : 1 0 (E S V)

“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

From now on...

ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν · Luke's phrase for kingdom hinges

LUKE 1 : 4 8 *from now on* **all generations will call me blessed**

Mary's song

LUKE 2 2 : 1 8 *from now on* **I will not drink until the kingdom comes**

the cup

LUKE 2 2 : 6 9 *from now on* **the Son of Man seated at the right hand**

the enthronement

Every “from now on” in Luke marks a kingdom moment that cannot be reversed — including the one Jesus speaks to Simon.

Jesus catches what Simon could not keep

POINT 3 — THE REVELATION

The Word Luke Chose

Luke does not say “fisherman.” He says something stranger.

WHAT FISHERMEN DO

ἁλιεύω

halieuō · “to fish”

catches to kill

WHAT JESUS CALLS

ζωγρέω

zōgreō · “to take alive”

catches to save

Simon used to catch to kill. Jesus calls him to catch to save.

Already Taken.

ζωγρέω — “to take alive” — appears only twice in the New Testament.

2 TIMOTHY 2:26

*“...they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being **captured** by him to do his will.”*

ἐζωγρημένοι · *taken alive*

LUKE 5:10

*“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be **catching men**.”*

ζωγρῶν · *catching alive*

Same verb. Two captors.

What has taken you alive?

Look honestly. Name it.

Fear

Comfort

Approval

Every captor calls itself a good life.

L u k e 5 : 1 1 (E S V)

*“And when they had brought their boats to land,
they left everything and followed him.”*

THE GOSPEL

The LORD of the deep
left the throne of heaven
and stepped into Simon's fishing boat.

He left *his* everything
to come and catch *Simon*.

*That is why Simon could leave
his.*

When you see who is in your boat,
you will *leave everything*.

What will leaving look like — for you?

He has not let go of you.

*What is in your boat?
Look at who is calling.
Come.*

C O M M U N I O N

Come to the Table.

Take and eat — *this is my body, given for you.*

Take and drink — *this is my blood, poured for you.*

— Luke 22:19-20

He has not let go of you.