

Scripture Texts

LUKE 5:1-11

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So 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. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

LUKE 1:35,37,38

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God... For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

LUKE 1:46-50

And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him. From generation to generation.

Big Ideas

1

Crowds didn't gather to hear Jesus tell jokes. The crowds didn't gather to hear His sociological insights. The crowds didn't gather to hear His political opinions. The crowds gathered to hear the Word.

2

When the Master is done speaking, it is time to start acting. Some folks use prayer as a defense mechanism to mask our unwillingness to launch out.

3

God never wastes our pain. It is the tragedy of toil that prepares us for the blessing of abundance.

4

If I have a word, that is the only permission I need to pursue a promise.

5

Our job to cast the net;
God's job to send the fish.
My job is obedience; His job is supply.
My job is faithfulness; His job is results.

6

Serving will always be my activity, but friendship will always be my identity.

Questions & Takeaways

- Jesus showed up during work hours and showed Peter a miracle. Your place of business can be an avenue of God's kingdom. Will we just let Jesus borrow our boat? What's in your hand that God can borrow for the great task that is ahead?
- How can I better lean into being both God's servant and God's friend?

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