**Jesus Still Seeks Fisherman!**

**Luke 5:1-11**

**Revelation 3:8** “I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an **open door** that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”

If you want to be fisher of men then you must pass through **three Stages**:

1. You must **hear** the voice of Jesus! Verses 1-3
2. The progressive calling of the disciples:
3. Jesus first called them to follow him the day after his **baptism**.
4. Jesus called them **more than** once.
5. After he performs this incredible miracle, he calls these four to leave **everything**.
6. Later in Matthew, Jesus calls **Levi** to come and follow him.
7. The other disciples are called but their specific calling is **not recorded** in the Gospels.
8. In Luke 6:12, Jesus appoints the Twelve disciples as His **apostles**.

**Revelation 3:20** “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

**John 10:27** “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

**John 16:13** “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

1. The Spirit speaks to us as we spend time in **God’s Word**.
2. As you spend time in God’s Word, your mind and your heart will be **transformed** and you will come to know God’s will for your life.
3. When He speaks to you, you must **trust** Him! Verses 4-10

**2 Corinthians 3:15-16** “Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.”

**Psalm 51:17** states, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart.”

1. The best candidate to be a fisherman for God is a man or woman who sees himself or herself as a **great sinner** who needs a great Savior.
2. The nearer a person comes to God, the more he sees his own **sinfulness** and unworthiness.
3. When He calls you, you must be willing to **surrender everything** you have to Him. Verses 10- 11

**Matthew 6:25-27**, **33** “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?...But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

“God delights in using ordinary Christians who come to the end of themselves and choose to trust in his extraordinary provision. He stands ready to allocate his power to all who are radically dependent on him and radically devoted to making much of him.”
 **—David Platt**

“Ultimate satisfaction is found not in making much of ourselves but in making much of God.” **—David Platt**

**Bob Diffenbaugh’s** seven take-aways:

1. This text is not teaching that those who are the most committed to Jesus **must leave** their secular jobs to go into full-time ministry.
2. Following Jesus begins with the realization of your **inadequacies** and **needs**.
3. Following Jesus requires **faith** in Him as your all-sufficient Savior.
4. The Lord knows our **weaknesses** and our **unbelief**, and He gives us ample evidence upon which to base our faith.
5. In order to follow Jesus, we must **forsake** certain things.
6. If we are to follow Jesus, then we must **do** what He did.

**Matthew 9:37-38** “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

1. We should not make **hasty** commitments to follow Jesus, nor should we call on others to do so.

“Decisions which are good ones, which are lasting ones, are those made slowly, prayerfully, and deliberately.”—**Bob Diffenbaugh**