

**MIDTOWN BAPTIST TEMPLE**

**WHOLE HEART**



# **Miracles of Jesus**

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**THE CALL OF PETER**



# **The Request**

**Luke 5:1-3**

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<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

**God's call to you often starts with  
an UNPRETENCIOUS encounter.**

# Encounters with Jesus often Start Simply

- Samaritan Woman at the Well
  - John 4:7 - There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

# Encounters with Jesus often Start Simply

- Zaccheaus
  - Luke 19:5 - And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

# Encounters with Jesus often Start Simply

- Disciples Fishing after Jesus's Death
  - John 21:5 - Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.



# **The Quandry**

**Luke 5:4-5(a)**



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<sup>4</sup> Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. <sup>5</sup> And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing...

**God's call to you may seem**  
**IRRATIONAL.**

# Some commands of the Lord don't make sense

- Leprous Naaman
  - II King 5:9-12 - So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. <sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. <sup>11</sup> But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

# Some commands of the Lord don't make sense

- Disciples Fishing after Jesus's Death
  - John 21:6 - And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

# Some commands of the Lord don't make sense

- Moses
  - Exo 4:2-3 - And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. <sup>3</sup> And he said, Cast it on the ground...
  - Exo 14:15 - And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:



# **The Response**

**Luke 5:5(b)-7**

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<sup>5</sup>...nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. <sup>6</sup> And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. <sup>7</sup> And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

**God's call to you requires**  
**SUBMISSION.**



# Your Submission must be to His Word

- It's Foundational
  - Luke 6:46-49 - And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? <sup>47</sup> Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. <sup>49</sup> But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

# Your Submission must be to His Word

- It's Transformational
  - John 2:5-8 - His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

# Your Submission must be to His Word

- It's Relational
  - John 15:14 - Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

# **The Realization**

**Luke 5:8-11**



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<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. <sup>9</sup> For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: <sup>10</sup> And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

<sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

**God's call to you requires**  
**UNDERSTANDING.**

# When you get it, you get it

- You understand you and others
  - Isa 6:5 - Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

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- You understand you and Him.
  - Matt 8:8 - The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.



# When you get it, you get it

- You understand you and your end
  - Rev 1:17-18 - And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: <sup>18</sup> I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

**Let us pray**