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## Helping the Child of God Keep the Faith

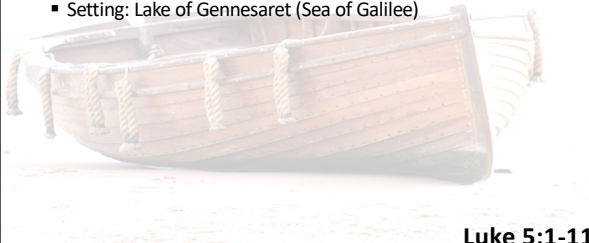


- ✓ Sunday Class: *Believing God*
- ✓ Sunday AM: *Nevertheless (Luke 5:1-11)*
- ✓ Sunday PM: *Things That Encourage*
- ✓ Monday: *Selling and Stirring*
- ✓ Tuesday: *The Seduction of Joseph*
- ✓ Wednesday: *The Wayward Son Comes Home*

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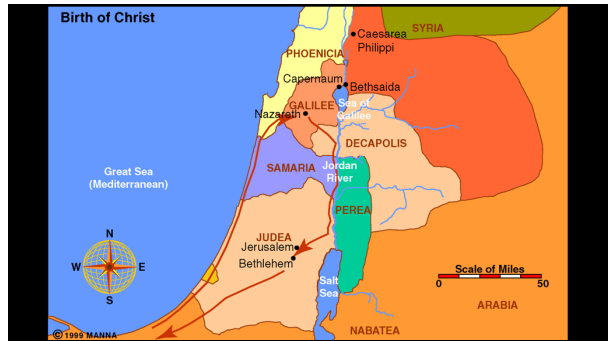
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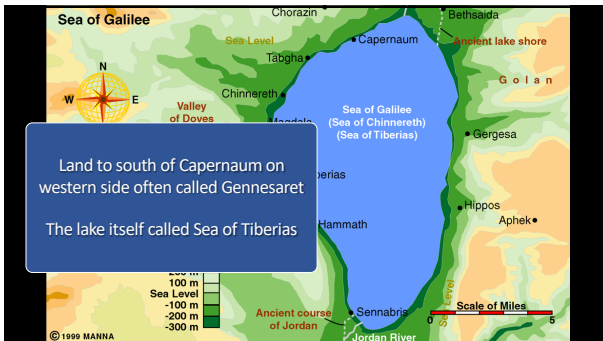


**Luke 5:1-11**

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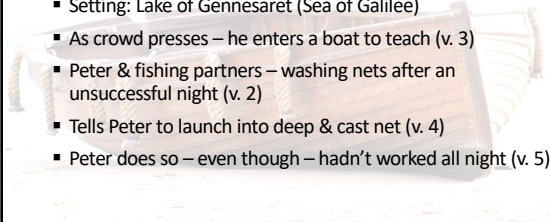
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**Luke 5:1-11**

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**Amazing Results!**

- Great number of fish
- Filled net – began to break
- Filled two boats – both began to sink

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- Peter reacts with deep humility (vv.8-9)
- Disciples forsook all and followed (vv. 10-11)

**Luke 5:1-11**

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Luke 5:4-5 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> 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."

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**Fished all night (v. 5)**

**Caught nothing (v. 5)**

**Washing nets (v. 2)**

**Launch out (v. 4)**

**Cast nets (v. 4)**

**At thy word (v. 4)**

**Nevertheless**

Contrast  
But (ASV, ESV)  
In Spite of

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# Nevertheless

I. Obey – Even if Seems Unreasonable



*Lessons in Discipleship* Luke 5:1-11


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**Obey**

Even If Seems Unreasonable


A. Request of Jesus seemed unreasonable

1. Fished all night – caught nothing
2. They are professional fishermen – what does a carpenter know?
3. This was early in process of calling his disciples – yet Peter has seen enough to have a strong faith!



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**Obey**  
Even If Seems Unreasonable




A. Request of Jesus seemed unreasonable  
 B. It is not our place to question & doubt  
 1. *Jer. 10:23*  
 2. *Isa. 55:8-9*  
 3. *Prov. 16:25*  
 4. *Rom. 11:34*  
 5. *It is ours to believe and do*

- He is creator – we are creatures
- He is God – we are men
- He is Lord – we are his servants

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**Obey**  
Even If Seems Unreasonable



A. Request of Jesus seemed unreasonable  
 B. It is not our place to question & doubt  
 C. Bible characters were asked to do what seems unreasonable  
 1. *Believe would have a son in old age (Rom. 4:17-ff)*  
 2. *Sacrifice son (Gen. 22)*  
 3. *Separate from wives (Ezra 10)*  
 4. *Dip seven times (2 Kings 5)*

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A. Request of Jesus seemed unreasonable  
 B. It is not our place to question & doubt  
 C. Bible characters were asked to do what seems unreasonable  
 D. God asks us to do what seems unreasonable  
 1. *Baptized (Mark 16:16)*  
 2. *Divorce for only one cause (Matt. 19:9)*  
 3. *Not forsake under distress (Heb. 10:25)*  
 4. *Withdraw from disorderly (2 Thess. 3)*  
 5. *Forgive if repent (Luke 17:1-5)*

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**Nevertheless**


I. Obey – Even if Seems Unreasonable  
 II. Try – Even if Seems Impossible

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**Try**  
Even If Seems Impossible




A. Peter must have thought about failure  
 1. *Fished all night – caught nothing*  
 2. *“Nevertheless” suggests he was going to act CONTRARY to how things look*  
 3. *He acts solely on faith in Jesus!*  
 4. *Going to try – in spite of:*

- Failure of the night
- Possible failure of the future

5. *By trying he caught fish – would not have happened otherwise!*  
 6. *If he had not TRIED – he would have failed (as fisherman & disciple)*

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**Try**  
Even If Seems Impossible




A. Peter must have thought about failure  
 B. We must try to do what we are afraid we will fail in  
 1. *Living the Christian life*  
 2. *Bringing others to Christ*  
 3. *Correct & restrain children*  
 4. *Teaching effort (radio, bulletin, etc.)*  
 5. *Teaching a class / taking part in service*  
 6. *Forgiving*  
 7. *Try to be mate should be*

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Try

Even If  
Seems  
Impossible



A. Peter must have thought about failure

B. We must try to do what we are afraid we will fail in

C. One talent man failed saying, "I was afraid" (Matt. 25:25)

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I. Obey – Even if Seems Unreasonable

II. Try – Even if Seems Impossible

III. Continue On – Even if Weary




Lessons in Discipleship

Luke 5:1-11

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Continue  
On

Even If Weary




A. Peter & other fishermen were tired

1. *Toiled all night (v. 5)*
2. *Things had not gone as hoped*
3. *Disappointed – discouraged*
4. *Seems like all done was useless*
5. *If ever thought of quitting – this is the time!*
6. *Yet – Jesus said keep fishing!*

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Continue  
On

Even If Weary



A. Peter & other fishermen were tired


B. Easy to become weary - discouraged

1. *Life doesn't go as planned*
2. *Face unexpected difficulties*
3. *Try & seems get knocked down!*
4. *May be weary with self – lack of progress*
5. *May be weary with family – lack of cooperation – faithfulness, etc.*
6. *May be weary with those try influence – no fruit*

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Continue  
On

Even If Weary



A. Peter & other fishermen were tired

B. Easy to become weary – discouraged

C. The weary, tired and discouraged must continue on

1. *Point of Hebrews 10-13*
  - 10:23, 35-36, 39
  - 12:1, 12
2. *1 Cor. 15:58*
3. *Gal. 6:7-9*
4. *Don't ever quit – launch back out into the deep!*

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II. Try – Even if Seems Impossible

III. Continue On – Even if Weary

IV. Humble – Even if it is Hard




Lessons in Discipleship

Luke 5:1-11

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**Humble**  
Even If it is Hard




A. Humility may not have been real easy for Peter

1. Disciples argued about who is the greatest (Matt. 18:1-ff)
2. Confidence in himself – always seems to first to speak or answer (i.e. Mt. 26:31-33)
3. Confidence to act – cut off Malchus' ear (Jno. 18:10)
4. Claimed he would never stumble or deny Christ (Matt. 26:31-33)

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**Humble**  
Even If it is Hard




A. Humility may not have been real easy for Peter

B. Peter humbly bowed before Jesus

1. Reason: astonished at his power (v. 9)
2. Reaction: Conscience of his own unworthiness to be in his presence (v. 8)
3. Peter had seen other miracles (cf. Luke 4), but this was a turning point!
4. Jesus sought to calm his fears (v. 10) – fear /anxiety must turn to love and respect

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**Humble**  
Even If it is Hard



A. Humility may not have been real easy for Peter

B. Peter humbly bowed before Jesus

C. God calls us to be humble

1. Call to be humble (Matt. 18:3-4; 1 Pet. 5:5-6)
2. Times it may be hard
  - When think better (Luke 18:9-14)
  - When think valuable (Matt. 18:1-4)
  - When think stronger (Gal. 6:1-3)
  - When think know more (1 Cor. 8:1-2)

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**Nevertheless**



I. Okay – Even if Seems Unreasonable

II. Try – Even if Seems Impossible

III. Continue On – Even if Tired


IV. Humble – Even if it is Hard

V. Forsake All – Even if it is Important

**Lessons in Discipleship** Luke 5:1-11

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**Forsake All**  
Even If it is Important




A. Jesus called upon them to be disciples which demanded them to forsake....

1. Left business & boats
  - Wasn't much – but all had!
  - When they had best day ever!
2. Left family (Matt. 4:22; Mark 1:20)
3. Left ALL!
4. Reason: Who they followed, what they became & what doing far exceeded...
5. Forsaking / Leaving was immediate – not days later!

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**Forsake All**  
Even If it is Important




A. Jesus called upon them to be disciples which demanded them to forsake....

B. Discipleship demands we forsake all

1. Lord should always come first
  - Matt. 6:33
  - 1 Pet. 3:15
  - Matt. 19:16-31

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B. Discipleship demands we forsake all

1. *Lord should always come first*
2. *Means: may cost you:*
  - Money
  - Job
  - Friends
  - Relationships
  - Family
  - Time

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B. Discipleship demands we forsake all

1. *Lord should always come first*
2. *Means: may cost you:*
3. *If not willing to forsake it all – not fit for the kingdom (Lk. 9:62)*

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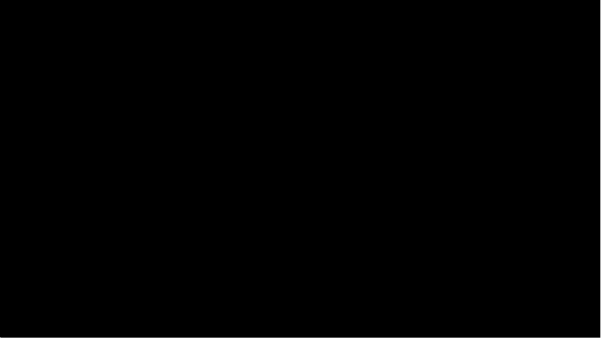
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