



## Sermon - Go out there and try again

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### Luke 5:1-11

Background: Anybody need a breakthrough. The key to your breakthrough might require you to go out there and try it again.

**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.**

Let us take notice of the surrounding elements in this story. People are excited and pressing to hear the word of God from Christ. Oh, that a crowd would be so excited and eager to hear the word of God, that they would press and pursue to hear it. It must be a word of hope.

People back then were interested in hearing the Word. They pressed upon him or greatly urged him to teach the Word. There is nothing new under the sun.....people will still desire to hear the Word of God if it is preached with power and authority.

Two ships were there nearby but just standing there. The fishermen who were operating them had left them and were washing their nets. Their day of fishing was over. They were unsuccessful and had given up for the day.

- Oh you better not miss this....the ship was empty. They had given up fishing for the day. They were done because they had failed and were through. They had given up. Came back empty.
- Somebody knows what I'm talking about....how you can come back home empty. Trying so hard one day....but it just doesn't happen like you hoped for that day. When all you did, turns out to be did not. Empty....marriage, relationship, job, church, life. Just done for the day.

There are two ships done for the day.

**<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.**

Jesus steps into the empty ship. Peter thought they were through for the day....but when they thought they were finished....that's when Jesus was just getting started. When other folks are done with you...but Jesus.

When I'm done, there becomes room for Jesus.

Oh my, I wonder what would happen, if we just came to a point in our lives when we would make room in our vessel for Jesus.



He asks Peter if he would go out just a little. Didn't ask him to go too far. Didn't ask him to do too much....just asked him to go out just a little ways. Didn't force him to do it.

Look at Jesus when you are just starting out.....He is not going to ask you to go too far. Just go a little ways. Just get far enough away so you can receive the word. Don't stay where you are....but don't go too far. You don't have to go too far to get a good word.....just make it to Cloverdale.

**<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: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.**

After the Bible study, Jesus tells him to go further, to go out into deep water. The purpose of going out further was to bring in a haul.

Jesus tells him if he goes out a lot farther, launch out into deeper waters, beyond where he was now, that he wouldn't be wasting his time. It will be worth it, drop down your nets because you will be hauling some stuff in.

Now Jesus doesn't tell you to do something that doesn't pay off in the end. If he tells you to go, you can take that to the bank that there is a reward or something good behind it.

He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Jesus is asking him to do more...there was more that he required of Peter after he received the word.

When Peter was obedient to the little things...then he was ready to be promoted to do more and get more.

You want a miracle...there's something you need to do, a role you have to play in your miracle. You have to do something with the word and apply it before the miracle is released.

You want a miracle in your church, then you need a word from God, then you need to apply your faith in the word that is the key to releasing a miracle in this place.

Simon's response.....we already been out there and got nothing for it. Been there and done that....with no success. The excuse some people use for not obeying the word is that they tried it before and it didn't work for them. Been out there already but it didn't work out for us.

- He didn't argue or have a problem when he only had a push out a little....in his comfort zone.
- Now Christ is telling him to go back out there and try again.
- In Peter's mind, failure was around the corner again..... doesn't make sense, there is no success  
Somebody today when you leave here today...is going to take this word from God and try again.

but because of the word of Christ...because of the word, Peter is actually ready to try again. But because you said so....at your word....because of the Word of the Lord he was willing to try again.

**<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.**

When they obeyed, when they let down their nets this time, when they obeyed this time, when they launched out this time, they didn't fail this time, didn't come back empty handed this time, didn't get disappointed this time....instead they brought up a haul.

- Hauled in so much, they couldn't keep it all to themselves. The net broke.....overflow, busting loose.

Verse 7 – wait a minute. They had so much overflow...they had to call their partners. You know, the ones who didn't have Jesus in their ship. The ones who didn't get to go out like that.....Jesus didn't call them, Peter and his boys called them, their testimony drew them.....because Peter launched out into the deep, they were being called to follow him and get blessed too.

- Not about you....it's about God doing something in you and through you and through your testimony someone else might launch out and try again. In fact, one reason for the overflow was so that someone else could be blessed and try again.
- When you help others bring in a haul.....you get blessed too. Just cause you were not there at the start, just cause you were not there as long as others, doesn't mean that you can't bring in a haul too...so try again.
- When you see Jesus operating in the area, time to try again.

What made the difference? Same boat, same nets, same folks. The only difference:

- Simon needed help; he lets Jesus in his empty vessel
- He changes his mind about what he wanted to do
- Through the power of Christ's words, he has the hope to try again

The difference between this time and the last was that this time is they took Jesus with them. Jesus was in the boat, the Word was in the ship, they didn't have that the last time, but this time Jesus was in the ship. When you try again.....make sure the word of God is with you. When Jesus is with you, you'll see a significant difference.

**<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.**

Verse 8 – Simon sees something good happen to him and he worships. See, that's another reason why God wants to hook somebody up.....because when God blesses you like that....you'll realize you don't really deserve it and you'll start to really worship.

- You'll worship like never before because you know He is good and we are not



- You'll worship like never before because He will bless you like never before
- You'll worship like never before because He will allow you to be a blessing to someone else like never before
- I worship like never before because I'm still astonished by what He has allowed me to have

Peter knows he didn't deserve this kind of blessing, tells Jesus to leave.

- Jesus, certainly you picked the wrong vessel, I'm the wrong guy, I'm afraid you made a mistake.
- Jesus tells him to fear not. He didn't make a mistake with Simon, he was picked for a purpose on purpose.
- When you fail, you are eligible for a blessing like this.

There used to be a game we played when I was a little boy called Simon Says. Whatever Simon said, that's what you were supposed to do. I feel like I want to it today...I wonder what the real Simon would say.

Simon says empty out your heart and mind

Simon says let Jesus step into your vessel,

Simon says just stretch yourself a little so you can hear the word of God

Simon says if Jesus is in the boat, you can try again

Simon says the place of your last failure will be the place of a great blessing when you try again,

Simon says you better get ready to invite someone else nearby to receive God's blessings

Simon says He will change your results,

Simon says your best days in Christ are ahead....you ain't seen nothing yet.

he wants to change my results, instead of bringing in fish, my results will be souls

Verse 9 – What he saw that amazed him was the haul they had taken when they tried again...and the great mercy and amazing grace that God showed them....you can't help but worship...when you have seen that kind of amazing grace experience in your life....amazing grace.

Verse 10 – Great words from the Master.....don't be afraid....it's all good, and it's all going to be good.....don't worry about those past sins.....don't fear....because from this time forward you are going to catch something better than fish.....you will catch people.

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

Jesus still walking around looking for empty vessels, to launch out into the deep.

Still looking for failures and telling them, you can try again.

- Gave up on your marriage.....but going to try again.



- Gave up on your parents.....but going to try again.
  - Gave up on your kids.....but going to try again.
  - Gave up on your church....but going to try again.
  - Gave up on love because because your heart was broke and you keep coming back empty.....but somebody today, is going to get a fresh cut tomorrow, some smell good cologne and some whitening strips for that yellow grill and try again.
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- Let me ask you a question, where are you in this story? How many people have you caught lately? Either you ain't gone out far enough, or Jesus ain't in your boat, or you didn't get the word to go. Let me fix one of those right now.....you just got your word. We have to go out into the deep....a little further.
  - I love to hunt....I didn't get any deer meat this year though. Didn't see any deer run across my living room.

Verse 11 – when they returned, they forgot about everything else and followed him. When you get a miracle like that....it is easier to follow him. When you truly worship, it's easier to follow Him.

We used to go fishing as a family. We used to fight over fishing spots. Used to catch a few fish fishing from the bank, but when dad bought a boat....we started to haul them in. But just because we didn't catch any the last time....didn't mean this would be the last time....we were going out again.