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PETER'S CALL

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¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on Him to hear the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, [also known as Sea of Galilee] 2 and He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 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.

⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he **fell down at Jesus' knees**, saying, "**Depart from me**, for I am a **sinful man**, <u>O LORD</u>." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were **James** and **John**, sons of Zebedee, who were **partners with Simon**. And Jesus said to Simon, "*Do not be afraid*; **FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE CATCHING MEN**."

¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM.

JOHN 1:40-42

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).



UNIQUE ASPECTS OF PETER'S LIFE

NAME CHANGE.



MULTIPLE TRIUMPHS.

MULTIPLE FAILURES.



HOW DOES GOD CALL US?

HE ALREADY HAS!



SALVATION IS OUR ORDINATION.
BAPTISM IS OUR COMMISSION.

HE USES WHAT WE HAVE AND WHO WE ARE.

LUKE 5:3

³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

HIS CALL CONNECTS US TO COMMUNITY.

LUKE 5:7

⁷ They signaled to their <u>PARTNERS</u> in the <u>OTHER</u> BOAT to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.



HOW DOWE RESPOND TO HIS CALL?

MOVE FROM RESPECT TO OWNERSHIP.

LUKE 5:5,8

- ⁵ And Simon answered, "*Master*, [superintendent, overseer] we toiled all night and took nothing!
- ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he **fell down at Jesus' knees**, saying, "**Depart from me**, for I am a **sinful man**, <u>O LORD</u>."

RECOGNISE THAT IT IS INCONVENIENT AND COUNTER INTUITIVE.

LUKE 5:2

² and He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were <u>washing their nets</u>.

RECOGNISE THE PROVISION.

ACCEPT THE AFFIRMATION THEN RESPOND TO THE COMMISSION.









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