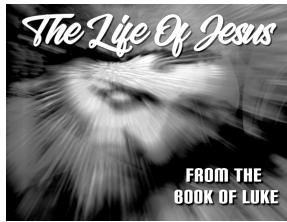


HOW JESUS CHANGES THE WAY WE SEE EVERYTHING, INCLUDING OURSELVES.

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Luke 5:1-11 New International Version

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

1. Peter had been fishing since he was a boy. Peter probably recognized that Jesus was an extraordinary teacher. He may of even believed him to be a good craftsman. But surely Peter believed that he knew more about fishing than Jesus.

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking we know best how to make decisions in life. Here is a clear reminder: even when you think you know better - take God at his word.

Luke 5:5 "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

2. As Peter's net is bursting at the seams, Peter becomes fully aware of who he has with him in his boat! He is both awestruck and filled with fear. His reaction is not uncommon. The more we come to know the power and goodness of God, the clearer we can see our own frailty and sin!

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Isaiah 6:1&:5 "I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple... ⁶ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

3. Jesus refuses Peter's offer to leave. Despite the truth of Peter's confession, Jesus does the opposite and extends an invitation for him to follow Him! Pastor Tim Keller points out, "when the salvation of Jesus Christ comes into your life, you see yourself as more wicked than you ever dared believe, and yet you know you are more valued, loved, and affirmed than you ever dared hope at the same time."

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