

Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 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.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

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."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signalled 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.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 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 catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

A Father's Role



What's in a name?

Simon Johnson

(Matthew 16:17)

Shimon = 'listenening'

In Luke it seems Jesus generally calls him

Simon, though he gave him the name **Kepha** - rock



– also known as - **Peter** (6:14)

Why did Jesus call him 'Rocky'?

Character qualities?

Potential? that only Jesus can see and develop

Jesus' humour to tackle a serious weakness?

Cf. James & John Ben Zebedee - Sons of Thunder

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the people were crowding around him and listening to the
word of God**



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Work to do! No time to listen!, or listening-in in secret?

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Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Jesus' Teaching Method

Style: Rabbi, safer sitting?

Content: Word of God

Objective: To change lives

Galilee



Ephesus



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***Thank you for use of boat?
Test for Simon?***

3 very good reasons for not going

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything."

- 1, We're tired
- 2, It's the wrong time of day
- 3, Fish aren't about

Peter knew about fishing in the Galilee

But because you say so, I will let down the nets."



Was Peter thinking he would 'respectfully' show Jesus who knew about fishing?

A place for Proverbs 3:5-6

Broken nets- Broken Theories

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a bumper – extraordinary catch

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Conviction of a 'good' man

People would say Peter was a 'good' man.

- He is a Bible-observant Jew
- He kept the dietary laws (Acts 10:14)
- He had a respectable job.
- He was a popular man - a natural leader

But Jesus has caused him to see something about himself he had **NEVER SEEN BEFORE!**
SIN within.

He sees himself in contrast to Jesus
Cf. Isaiah 6, Romans 7.

It is a mark of genuine conviction!



Conviction of a 'good' man



He feels ashamed and embarrassed, and grieved about himself. He feels unworthy because of his foolish pride.

It's a deep seated problem = sin
I am a sinful man

Have you experienced anything like this? – you should if you've really met with the LORD.

You may not have been an obvious "Sinner" but you see at some points you are as capable as the worst and it is no exaggeration to say -

"There but for the grace of God."

Not fully dealt with yet - see John 21

Then Jesus said to Simon,
"Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."



This was Jesus' comfort and Peter's "call".
Will he use what learned before in new areas?

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



That's Commitment!
What does it say about Jesus' effect on them?

You and I are called to follow (invitation-command?)

**Then he said to them all:
"Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves and take up their cross daily
and follow me.**

Luke 9:23

