

**Our lives**

**Tomorrow I won't remember it**

**It changes a whole year**

**It affects a whole month**

**An event occurs**

**It changes a lifetime**

**What is it that actually changes the direction of our lives?**  
**What happens when we encounter God?**  
**Will we encounter God today?**

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**From now on...**

**Luke 5:1-11**

**What was it like to meet Jesus?**  
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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.

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- Crowds were wrestling to get closer to Jesus
  - Purpose: to hear God's word through Jesus
- Jesus developed a relationship with Simon
  - Drove out a demon in his synagogue
  - Joined a meal at Simon's house
  - Healed Simon's mother-in-law
  - Healed many at Simon's house
- 4-5: • Jesus asked Simon for help
- 6-7: • Boat provided good acoustics for the crowd
- 8-11: • Simon was a captive audience for teaching!

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- Simon was tired
  - All night fishing → no success
    - It seems: Jesus knew about the bad night of fishing
  - Hours of cleaning the nets
    - Will have to do it again!
- Jesus told Simon to work hard again
  - A **soft promise** → “let down the nets **for a catch**”
- Simon gave a **soft protest**, yet did as Jesus said

6-7:

8-11:

- “Master”: term of respect

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- The catch was so big...
  - it began to tear the nets → very costly!
  - it almost sank 2 boats → their livelihood!

8-11:

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**8-11: The crisis was greater than Simon first realized**

- Simon's heart was opened to Jesus as God: "Lord"
  - Why now? Cumulative effect? In his expertise?
- Recognized the profound crisis of Jesus' holiness
  - Not that Simon was particularly sinful
  - Rather: Jesus is overwhelmingly holy
- Jesus called Simon to a new life with Jesus
  - "From now on"
- Simon and colleagues left all to follow Jesus

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*The Big Idea of the Passage*

**When Simon genuinely met Jesus as God  
he realized his disaster **without** grace  
and his amazing joy and privilege **with** grace**

**So he left everything to follow Him**

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**Situations in life come in different intensities...**

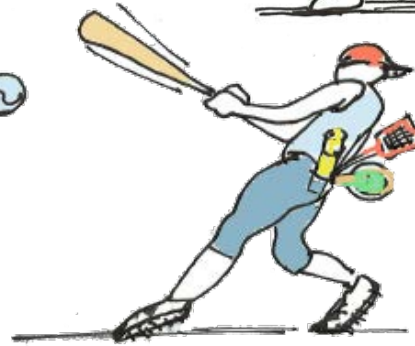


**A nuisance**

**We do our best  
and hope to be okay**



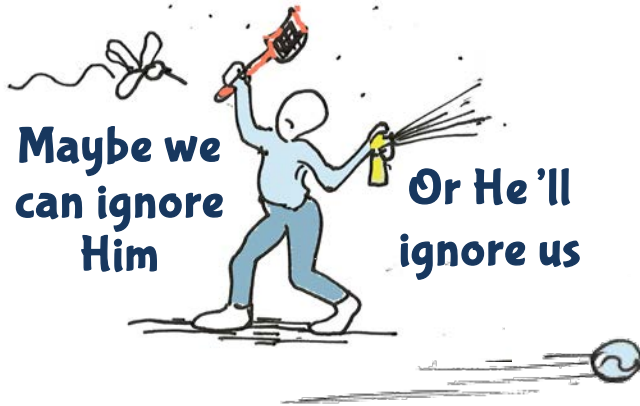
**A  
manageable  
challenge**



**A bigger  
challenge!**

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**Sometimes we can think that meeting Jesus is like...**



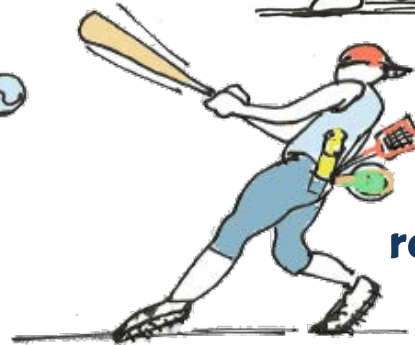
**Maybe we  
can ignore  
Him**

**Or He'll  
ignore us**

**Sometimes we think  
we'll be fine with Jesus...**



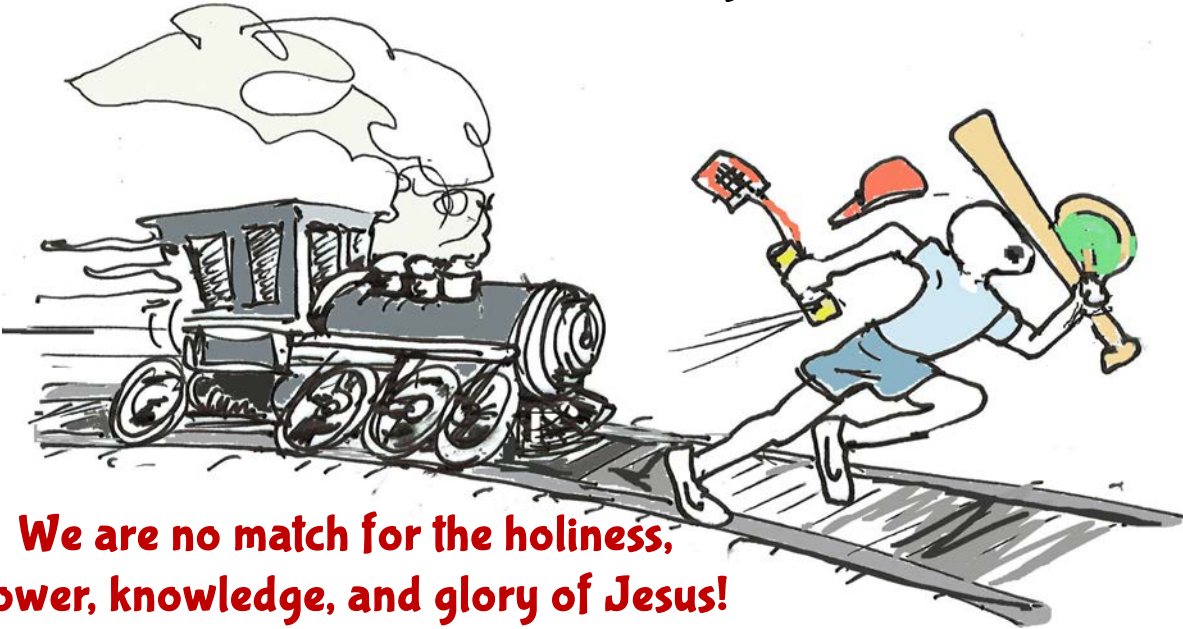
**Maybe we  
can keep up  
with Him**



**If we are  
really good...**

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**Simon discovered something quite different!**



**We are no match for the holiness,  
power, knowledge, and glory of Jesus!**

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**Simon also discovered the kindness and love of Jesus!**



**Jesus' love was more than enough!  
So he dropped everything else  
in order to be with Jesus!**

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and our **amazing joy and privilege with grace****

**So in our joy we leave everything to follow Him**

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*Application*

- **Realize the disaster of our brokenness in God's presence**
  - Accidentally sending an email/text to the wrong people
  - God sees our every thought and feeling
    - Including right now!
    - “If you kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?!”
    - Not one single person! Especially not me
  - God's holiness is so great...
    - it consumes anything that is not perfectly holy
    - like getting anywhere close to the sun
  - God is the greatest possible **Person**, not merely an idea or truth or emotion or plan of action or force or...



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### *Application*

- Realize the disaster of our brokenness in God's presence
  - If we don't see this, perhaps...
    - we refuse to see God or our eyes are blinded
    - we are lying to ourselves
    - we are horribly arrogant
  - God said about Job: "There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." *Job 1:8*
  - When Job met God, Job said to God:
 

**"I am unworthy—how can I reply to you?  
I put my hand over my mouth.  
I spoke once, but I have no answer—  
twice, but I will say no more."** *Job 40:4-5*

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- Realize the disaster of our brokenness in God's presence
- Realize our boundless joy and privilege in the God of grace
  - Our condition: heading to a massive train wreck!
  - And Jesus catches us with **perfect love and kindness**
  - And that is not all!
  - He **gives us the highest honor**: bring His love to others
    - In Hebrew thinking, the messenger took on the qualities of the message
      - To be the ones to announce and bring this wondrous love is an honor beyond words!
    - "From now on..." → we are transformed forever

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- Realize the disaster of our brokenness in God's presence
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- So we must leave everything to live and work and rejoice in His amazing love & goodness
  - “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then **in his joy** went and **sold all he had** and bought that field.”  
*Matthew 13:44*
  - Leaving everything else is the clearest thinking, holiest, and most joyful thing we can do!!

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Jesus said...

“Whoever wants to be my disciple **must deny themselves** and **take up their cross daily and follow me**. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but **whoever loses their life for me will save it**. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”  
*Luke 9:23-25*

**Sometimes we will do the same things in a transformed way**  
**Sometimes we will literally leave everything to follow**

**When we genuinely meet Jesus, never will we stay the same!**

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