

From Now On...

Luke 5:1-11

What is it that actually changes the direction of our lives?

What happens when we encounter _____?

What _____ it like to meet Jesus?

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1-3: Jesus taught a crowd who came to hear His word + 1

Crowds were wrestling to get closer to Jesus

Purpose: to hear _____ through Jesus

Jesus developed a _____ 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

Jesus asked Simon for _____

Boat provided good acoustics for the crowd

Simon was a captive audience for teaching!

4-5: Jesus told Simon to fish again

Simon was _____

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 _____ → "let down the nets for a catch"

Simon gave a soft _____, yet did as Jesus said

"_____": term of respect

6-7: The amazing catch of fish created a _____!

The catch was so big...

it began to tear the nets ☹ very costly!

it almost sank 2 boats ☹ their livelihood!

8-11: The crisis was _____ than Simon first realized

Simon's heart was opened to Jesus as God: "_____"

Why now? Cumulative effect? In his expertise?

Recognized the profound crisis of Jesus' _____

Not that Simon was particularly sinful

Rather: Jesus is overwhelmingly _____

Jesus called Simon to a new life with Jesus

"From now on"

Simon and colleagues left all to follow Jesus

The Big Idea of the Passage

When Simon genuinely met Jesus as God

he realized his _____ without grace

and his amazing _____ and privilege with grace

So he left everything to follow Him

The Big Idea for Us

**When we genuinely meet Jesus as God
we realize our _____ without grace
and our amazing _____ and privilege with grace
So in our joy we leave everything to follow Him**

Application

Realize the _____ of our brokenness in God's presence

God _____ 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 _____ is so great...

it consumes anything that is not perfectly holy

like getting anywhere close to the sun

God is the greatest possible _____, not merely an idea or truth or emotion or plan of action or force or...

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

Realize our _____ 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

He gives us the highest _____: 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 _____ forever

So we must leave _____ 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!!

Luke 9:23-25

Sometimes we will do the _____ things in a transformed way

Sometimes we will literally _____ everything to follow

When we genuinely meet Jesus, never will we stay the _____!

Reflection Questions

1. Has God opened your heart to realize the disaster of our brokenness before God? If so, when and how did that happen?
2. Has God helped you see the boundless joy and privilege we have in God's grace? If so, when and how did that happen?
3. What does it look like for you to leave everything and follow Jesus? In what way does that include doing the same things in a transformed way? In what way does that involve a meaningful change in what you do?