



New Experiences
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Sermon Notes

Matthew 4:18-22 (The Message)

18-20 Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. They were fishing, throwing their nets into the lake. It was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll (help you to have) new (experiences). kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed.

21-22 A short distance down the beach they came upon another pair of brothers, James and John, Zebedee's sons. These two were sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their fishnets. Jesus made the same offer to them, and they were just as quick to follow, abandoning boat and father.

Luke 5:1-11 (The Message)

1-3 Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

4 When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch."

5-7 Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets." It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

8-10 Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. "Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself." When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, coworkers with Simon.

10-11 Jesus said to Simon, "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women." They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

Press to Hear the Word of God

Luke 5:1

Once when He was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God.

There will be a request made of you to have a "new experience."

Luke 5:4

When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch."

The request will be so uncomfortable it will cause you to “back talk” the Lord.

Luke 5:5a

Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow.

Because you are grounded in the Word you will press through and obey.

Luke 5:5b

But if you say so, I'll let out the nets.

Your obedience to attempt a new experience will prove to cause you to prosper to the point of breaking your old paradigm.

Luke 5:6

It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity.

You need to position your partners to be ready to help with the overflow that is coming to you!

Luke 5:7a

They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them.

Your partners will experience overflow because of your obedience.

Luke 5:7b

They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

This time, this blessing you receive will cause you to fall down to your knees.

Luke 5:8

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You and everyone around will be in awe of what God has done.

Luke 5:9-10a

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Luke 5:10b-11

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