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Luke 5:1-11

Getting a glimpse of God is astonishing!

I. CHRIST'S INTERACTION WITH PETER (1-7)

A. JESUS' REQUEST (1-3)

1. The Situation (1-2)

- Jesus was preaching and getting smashed by the crowds (1)

2. The Favor (3)

- Jesus asks Peter for the use of his boat

B. CHRIST'S COMMANDS (4)

1. Move to deeper water

2. Put down your nets for a catch

- Recognize that sometimes getting a glimpse of God might come by way of inconvenience

C. PETER'S HESITATION (5)

1. A catch is unlikely

2. But Peter obeyed

- Note that the battle between faith and doubt must always be won by compliance.

D. GOD'S BLESSING (6-7)

1. The Riches

2. The Responsibility

- Obedience and action were prerequisites for this blessing

II. PETER'S REACTION TO CHRIST (8-10a)

A. CONFESSION (8)

1. Humiliation: Falling at Jesus' feet

2. Unworthiness: Go away!

- A reverent regard for Christ's otherness such that they should not be sharing the same space

3. Sinfulness: I am a sinful man

- Recognizing and admitting to his fallen condition

B. ADORATION (9-10a)

1. The Response: Seized with amazement
 - Peter and his partners are paralyzed with awe
2. The Reason
 - a. Their great catch of fish
 - b. Christ's superiority: He's better than the thing I do best!

C. RECOGNITION (5, 8)

1. He had addressed Jesus as Master (v. 5)
2. He now acknowledges Jesus as Lord! (v. 8)

III. CHRIST'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETER (10b)

A. RIGHT NOW: Stop being afraid

1. He addresses his mindset
2. Reverence is fine as long as it does not make us inactive.

B. FROM NOW ON: You will be catching men

1. He addresses his mission
2. Peter and his partners are being called to capture men alive

IV. THE FISHERMAN'S DEVOTION TO CHRIST (11)

A. THEY LEFT EVERYTHING

1. They left a successful business on their best day ever!
2. No one can serve two masters! - Matt. 6:24

B. THEY FOLLOWED JESUS

1. They were already believers - John 1:35-51
2. They had committed to discipleship - Mark 1:16-20
3. Now they become constant devotees! - See Luke 9:23

CONCLUSION:

Peter got a glimpse of God and committed to serve Him

- Have you seen Him? - Are you serving Him?

Christ promises great reward for those who are astonished by but then active for Him.

- Read Luke 18:28-30

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