



# FINDING GOD WHEN WE FAIL

LUKE 5:1-11

THE JOURNEY OF PETER FOLLOWING JESUS



## I. When we fail, we can hear Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

*And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."  
And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." vv. 4-5*

■ **OBEY JESUS' COMMAND BY FAITH IN HIS \_\_\_\_\_.**

## II. When we follow Jesus' calling, we can see Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

*And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.  
They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them.  
And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. vv. 6-7*

■ **TRUST THAT SOME BLESSINGS WILL ONLY BE SEEN AFTER \_\_\_\_\_.**

## III. When we see Jesus' blessing, we realize Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

*But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken ... vv. 8-9*

■ **ACCEPT JESUS' GRACE TO DRAW NEAR TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

## IV. When we realize Jesus' grace, we embrace Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

*And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."  
And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. vv. 10b-11*

■ **JOIN JESUS' MISSION RATHER THAN ASKING HIM TO BLESS \_\_\_\_\_.**



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## HOME GROUP

# Lesson + Devotional

*Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.*

1. Read Luke 5:1-11. What qualities in fishermen would help make for success in serving the Lord and sharing the gospel?
2. During the night was the normal time for deep-sea fishing. Simon knew that Jesus was not a fisherman, but he had enough respect for the teacher not to scoff when Jesus suggested fishing during the day instead. Besides the time of day, what else is surprising about Jesus' suggestion?
3. How does Peter respond to the miracle, and what does that say about Peter's view of Jesus?
4. Jesus got Simon's attention when He demonstrated His authority, not just in religious matters but over nature. Why do you think authority over the fish affected Simon so profoundly? What kind of authority would capture your attention?
5. Have you ever seen Jesus' authority demonstrated over all of life? If so, how did the experience affect you, and what did you learn about Him?
6. Fishermen in Jesus' day held a low standing in society. They were often ceremonially unclean due to their work and at times couldn't worship at the temple. They wouldn't be considered spiritual people, much less leaders. What if Jesus had looked at Peter and decided, "He certainly isn't the kind of man I'm looking for to make my gospel known"? How would things be different?
7. There's nothing wrong with success in business—God wants us to work diligently and to do well. But a follower of Jesus must adopt His purpose for their life in the midst of that. Is the thing that captivates your life your own business (catching fish), or the Lord's business (catching men)? What needs to change?

### STUDY SKILL: Observation

To study a gospel scene, notice every detail, even the seemingly trivial—a *lake called Gennesaret*, *Jesus spoke to crowds*, etc. Look for the *who*, *what*, *where*, *when* and *why*. From these observations, decide what key words are in the scene.

## HELPFUL Quotes

When we read the New Testament, it is easy to see that Peter, in many ways, is the model disciple. There is much to be learned from how he interacted with Jesus and the other apostles. One thing that makes him especially appealing is his approachability as an everyday kind of man. Peter was a simple, hardworking, ordinary person. Yet when he encountered Jesus, he was called out of his own "little" story into a much bigger story—the story of Jesus Christ himself. - *Tim Gray*

It is possible that at least seven of the disciples were fishermen (John 21:1-3). Consider the fact that fishermen generally have the qualities that make for success in serving the Lord. It takes courage and daring, patience and determination to work on the seas, and it also takes a great deal of faith. Fishermen must be willing to work together (they used nets, not hooks) and help one another. They must develop the skills necessary to get the job done quickly and efficiently. - *Warren Wiersbe*

## YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



### Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

### Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



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### Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



## A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.  
(*Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6*)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.  
(*Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27*)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.  
(*Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21*)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.  
(*Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9*)

**You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:**

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



*We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!*