

Encounters

Part 1-Encountering the Call of Jesus

Luke 5:1-11

The call of Jesus came to Peter...

1. in the middle of his EVERYDAY LIFE.

He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So He sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. Luke 5:2-3 NLT

2. in the middle of his FRUSTRATION and DIFFICULTY.

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." Luke 5:4-5 NLT

3. and showed him the power of POSSIBILITIES.

And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. Luke 5:6-7 NLT

4. and brought a dose of true REALITY.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Luke 5:8-10a NLT

5. and completely changed the DIRECTION of his life.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. Luke 5:10b=11 NLT

3 Things to Consider...

1. Peter JOINED Jesus in the boat-not the other way around.

He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge...Luke 5:2 NLT

2. Peter experienced God's power because he was OBEDIENT to God's call.

But if You say so, I'll let the nets down again. Luke 5:5b NLT

3. Peter responded with HUMILITY.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” Luke 58 NLT

How have you responded to God’s call in your life?