

Net Worth: Working Together in Obedience to Christ

Text: Luke 5:1-11 (NAS)

¹ Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; ² and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

³ And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little *distance* from the land. And He sat down and *continued* teaching the crowds from the boat.

⁴ Now when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon responded and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say *and* let down the nets."

⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great quantity of fish, and their nets *began* to tear;

⁷ so they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, to the point that they were sinking.

⁸ But when Simon Peter saw *this*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and likewise also *were* James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear; from now on you will be catching people."

¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

What the Bible Teaches About Net Worth:

1. The Call to Obedience Despite Past Failure ~ Luke 5:1-5
2. The Blessing of Shared Burden ~ Luke 5:6-7
3. The Humbling Power of Divine Partnership ~ Luke 5:8-10
4. The Commitment to Follow Together ~ Luke 5:11

Associated Scriptures:

I Peter 4:10 (KJV)

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Philippians 2:2 (KJV)

Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

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RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. **HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**
So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
2. **BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
3. **REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**
I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
4. **CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**
Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
5. **BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**
And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
6. **BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10**
Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.