

When God Steps Into Your Boat

Sermon Synopsis: God has to step into your boat, so that you can step into your calling

Themes: surrender, apprenticeship, following Jesus, discipleship

Luke 5:1-11 (ESV)

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 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." 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. 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, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. 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.

We've all had times we wanted to clock out

My first job

Text 2a

The times we want to "clock-outs" can be opportunities for a Jesus moment

Text 2b

Easy to miss

1. Inconvenient

Text v3

[I'M TIRED]

2. Uncomfortable

Text v5

[TELLING ME WHAT TO DO?]

God shows up, but not always when/where/what we want

These Jesus moments are designed to change how we see our lives

[BIG CATCH]

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"There's something more important than fish in the boat with me."

Teacher → Lord

When we see Jesus as Lord, what we do takes on holy purpose

v10

[CATCHING PEOPLE ALIVE]

Not here for merely a paycheck.

A job becomes a *calling*.

[jobs]

You think you're there to make a check, climb a ladder, or maybe just pay the rent.

But God has you in a boat that was meant for more than just catching fish.

God has to step into your boat, so that you can step into your calling.

We are here to reach the people around us

Stage of life

Vision

Paradigm shift

Easter

Q: God, what are you doing here/now?