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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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"WHAT TO DO WHEN JESUS CALLS"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Whenever Jesus Came into a Village, Town or City
you could be sure, that certain things would never be the same.

for example;

apathy, Jesus would always upset apathy!

spiritual darkness was always put to flight when Jesus came near!

and the hearts and minds of men
were always challenged about deeper things!

Things Were Never The Same

(I hope that doesn't threaten you today, that things don't have to be the same?)

Luke 5:1-11

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, :2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. :3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. :4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." :5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." :6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. :7 So 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. :8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" :9 ¶ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; :10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "**Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.**" :11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

"WHAT TO DO WHEN JESUS CALLS"

I.) Listen to what He's saying to us

v.1-3

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Jesus Came Speaking to Mankind the Word of God, & Performing Miracles

John 17:14

I have given them Your word;

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

1 John 2:14

I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

a.) because when we listen - we hear the mind of God

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

It's Within Us All to Wonder and to Question;
"What is in The Mind of God, What is God Thinking?"

When We Read the Words of Jesus Christ,
We're Hearing the Mind of God.

John 6:63

The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

John 14:10

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father...

Listen to what He's saying to us

b.) because when we listen - we see the heart of God

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The People Had Gathered to Hear More

It Was The Attraction, The Beauty of What was Being Said.
giving man what he needs the most - ***to see the heart of God !***

Psalm 107:19-21

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He saved them out of their distresses. :20 He sent His word and healed them, *And* delivered *them* from their destructions. :21 Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, *And for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

Listen to what he's saying to us

c.) because when we listen - we experience more of God

... And He sat down
and taught the multitudes from the boat.

from the vantage point of the boat,

Jesus could be seen better, He could be heard better,

most importantly - - He became personal to them both physically and spiritually.

(there weren't a few "lucky ones" who were able to get closer, He became closer to all by being at a physical distance)

because when we listen - we experience more of God

Greek = "teaching" dida_{skw} didasko

line by line, to let them in, to show them the direction, the way.

we are now encouraged on two fronts
when it comes to listening to the Lord and Experiencing more of Him

#1

to meet with Him in private, alone = quiet and still !

how many times in the Bible do we read

that a man or woman encountered the Lord while they were alone ?

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen,
I will be exalted in the earth.

Matthew 6:5-6

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. :6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

#2

to meet with Him in public, together = loud and active !

how many times in the Bible do we read that a man or woman encountered the Lord while gathered together ?

Acts 4:31-32

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. :32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:

Acts 2:1-2

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. :2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

"WHAT TO DO WHEN JESUS CALLS"

II.) Obey what He's asking of us

v.4-7

:4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." :5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." :6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. :7 So 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.

Obey what He's asking of us

a.) because when we obey - we're exposed

v.4

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Exposed to His Will, What He Wants.

Being Exposed to God Means
We Have Exposure to His Being, His Plan, His Desires

Exodus 33:13-23

Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.” :14 ¶ And He said, “My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest.” :15 ¶ Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here. :16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth.” :17 ¶ So the LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.” :18 ¶ And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.” :19 ¶ Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” :20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” :21 And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. :22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. :23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

Exposed Means Elijah, Enoch, Jonah, Paul... please Lord, me next, - - let it be me. let it be us!

exposed to new invitations and opportunities, challenges

what does an invitation, opportunity, challenge from the Lord look like?

- could be a need that you see
- could be a thought you have
- could be a message you hear
- could be a prayer you pray

the thing is, we're exposed to new things.

God is always current and Jesus is always contemporary

Obey what He's asking of us

b.) because when we obey - we're humbled v.5

...But Simon (Peter) answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; (**expression?**)..... nevertheless at Your word I will let down the (a) net.”
- a single net

Master
ejpista; thß epistates, *ep-is-tat'-ace*
captain and commander

"you have proven to be in charge"

Every Time God is Proven to be Right in the Minds of Men,
we're humbled by His greatness, and we diminish !

The Smallness of Man is Overwhelming

Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. :2
Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. :3 *There is no*
speech nor language *Where* their voice is not heard.

Psalm 8:3-4a

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars,
which You have ordained, :4a What is man that You are mindful of him,

Then Listen, It's **Right** for US to Obey Him

The Reasons and Excuses
We Inform God of, Are Limitless,
But Not One Of Them is Accepted by Him

Moses Said That He Stuttered
and therefore could not obey God

Jeremiah said that he was a teenager
therefore, unable to obey God

Gideon Said that he was too afraid
and therefore unable to obey God

Jonah Said that He hated the Ninevites
therefore was unable to obey God

the Call to Obedience to God

is a test of the wills !

Only love can be the true catalyst to obedience

Love is the Qualifier to Our Acts of Obedience

Legalism Can't Be - Because Pride is Involved

Obligation Can't Be - Because Fear is Involved

Pressure Can't Be - Because There's No Soul Involved

Without Love, Obedience is Tyranny

"what would it mean to me today,

"To Let Down The Nets?"

What's a Parallel for Me?

this "seemingly" crazy command sets us up to see the impossible.
that's when God can get the greater glory !

nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.

Jeremiah 33:3

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things,
which you do not know.'

Before We leave This, Look Carefully With Me...

Verse 5

nevertheless at Your word
I will let down the (a) net." - a single net

Verse 4

Jesus said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep
and let down your net(s) for a catch." **Plural, All Your Nets !**

How Many More Fish Could Peter Have Caught
if he would have done exactly as Jesus had requested?

"Please Lord, Don't Let Me Limit You in My Life"

Obey what he's asking of us

c.) because when we obey - we're blessed.

v.6-7

And (when they had done) this, (they caught) a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. :7 So 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.

They Gave the Old International Fisherman's Signal for
"We've Got Jesus in Our Boat
and Brother are we Blessed"

"WHAT TO DO WHEN JESUS CALLS"

III.) Do what He's called us to do

v.8-11

:8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" :9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; :10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "**Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.**" :11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Do what He's called us to do

a.) because when we do - we live out true worship. V.8-9

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1 - "he fell down at Jesus' knees"

2 - "he fell down at Jesus' knees"

Simon Peter Fell at Jesus' Knees

Wait, Peter is Jewish, He Can't Bow Before Any Human Being,
That Would be Idolatry !

Maybe Peter Slipped, Maybe He Made a Mistake

His Confession Makes it Clear;

Verse 8a

"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

(I have no right to be in your presences, I am unholy, you are holy, you are the Lord)

because when we do - we live out true worship

"Awareness of One's Own Sin"

is the first and most wonderful step toward salvation
and heaven itself.

Peter Finds Himself in The Place Where Every True,
Heaven Bound Believer Must Come To.

Genesis 3:10

So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Isaiah 6:5

So I said: "Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

Job 42:5

My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. :6 Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Revelation 1:17

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Matthew 5:4

Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

there is a moral agony

whenever someone is aware of the presence of Christ

A Yet Future Event - Peter Takes The Dip

About two years from this event, we see a beautiful representation of just how wonderful it is to know that you're a weak, hopeless sinner without Jesus.

after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Peter decides to go back up to galilee and while he's there he goes fishing with the other disciples. they had fished all night and caught nothing.....

John 21:7

John said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

**When Peter Heard That It Was Jesus,
that wasn't enough, he had to get to Jesus**

Peter, Standing before Jesus
Exhausted, Soaked, Water Dripping Down His Beard, and Out of Breath

He was With Jesus Again !

accepted, free to be himself, wet, and happy

Verse 8b

"he fell down at Jesus' knees"

how can you fall down at someone knees?

***Both of Them Were On Their Knees
Serving Together, Pulling in Fish Together,
Overloading the Boat Together***

For The Few That Really Trust Jesus Christ,
They Respond to His Love by Serving.

**IT'S THAT STEP OF FAITH, THRU SERVICE, THAT
BRINGS THEM CLOSER TO JESUS CHRIST.**

Why, How?

because Jesus is always where His servants are,
serving alongside them, encouraging them, helping them

you will never serve His people, without Him being near

Verse 9

"he and all who were with him were astonished"

astonished $qa\zeta mbo\beta$ thambos, tham'-bos
to be held in wonder, to be struck with awe, to be impressed upon
it profoundly means that...

Their Lives Were in the Very Act of Changing

"he and ***all who were with him***

there is no substitute for being there, being here...

Church;

There are Few Things That We Do Here on Earth
That We Will Do In Heaven,
And One of Those Things will be **The Main Thing**,
And That **Will Be Worship** and Worshipping !

Revelation 7:11-12

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, :12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.*"

Do what He's called us to do

b.) because when we do - we learn servant leadership v.10

...and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid.
From now on you will catch men."

James and John are Singled Out Here,
The Sons of Zebedee

James and John, The Sons of Zebedee Were Impressed to the Core.

"Zebedee-Do-Dah, Zebedee Yeah, My O' My It's a Wonderful Day"

Mark 3:14-17

Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, :15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons: :16 Simon, to whom He gave the name Peter; :17 James the *son* of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder";

Boanerge=β Boanerges, *bo-an-erg-es*; of Chaldean Origin,
Sons of Commotion, Sons of Terror or Disruption, Sons of Thunderous Activity

**Patently,
Whenever These Guys Were Around - You Knew It**

Their Fishing Boat Must Have Had Flames Painted on the Side of It.
They Drove Black Donkeys and Wore Black Leather Robes

Luke 9:52-54

when Jesus had sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him a place. :53 But they did not receive Him, because His face was *set* for the journey to Jerusalem. :54 And when His disciples, James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume these people just like Elijah did?"

*Do what He's called us to do
because when we do - we learn servant leadership*

This Command To; "catch men *for life or to live*"

is an interesting compound of two greek words
zoos-agrein
zoos (alive or living or life) and agrein (search out and catch)

"to search out, to catch and to live"

"Catch Men for Life"

Do what He's called us to do

c.) because when we do - we live a life for God. v.11

So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

To Forsake

ajfi÷hmi aphiemi, af-ee'-ay-mee,

to leave alone, to abandon, to release or to hand over to another
that which was once dear.

To Accept His Forgiveness and Grace
To Hand Over to Him Your Sins and Wrongs
To Invite Him into Your Life's Living
To Yield to Him the Controls to Your Life

To Break from the Old

And To Follow

ajkolouqe÷w akoloutheo, *ak-ol-oo-theh´-o*; ke÷leuqoß keleuthos
to walk down a road. to be going in the same direction with another person, to walk the
same path at the same time with another person in agreement

To Embrace the New

what does His call sound like?

when will I hear it?

why would He call me?

what can I offer God?

**WHAT WILL YOU,
DO WHEN JESUS CALLS?**

Will you listen?

end...