

FEAR LESS

Luke 5:1-11

Message Video:

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Ecclesia – Greek word for church; a gathering of people

- Though we are not gathering physically, we are still gathering virtually and spiritually.

Isaiah 41:10 –

Don't be afraid, for I am with you.

Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you.

I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

- Believers do not retain the atmosphere of our culture. When our culture fears, we trust.
- We all have a common enemy right now: a virus. No matter who you are... your ethnicity, your political affiliations, your financial status, etc. We are united in the same cause.

Ephesians 3:20 –

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

- Whatever your dream is, God's dream for you is BIGGER.

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A Miracle of Provision

(v. 1) *One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.*

- When you make church all about Jesus and His Word, crowds show up.

(v. 2-3) *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.*

- They were washing their nets. They thought they had failed, and their workday was over.

(v. 4-5) *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."*

- Jesus' command did not make sense according to Simon's expertise, but Simon still followed.

(v. 6-7) *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.*

- Jesus stepped in and provided. Jesus never promised you a job or that you would be rich. He promised to meet your needs, but He is a creative God and sometimes His provision comes in unexpected ways.
- Simon invited Jesus into His business. It's easy for us to invite Jesus into our spiritual life, and even our family and home life, but we need to invite Him into our business life.

- Philippians 4:19 –
And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.
- Psalm 37:25 –
*Once I was young, and now I am old.
Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned
or their children begging for bread.*
- God promises to **provide**.

(v. 8-11) *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.” For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. 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.*

- **Connect & Share**
 - Simon Peter’s partners were blessed even though they did not invite Jesus into their boat or go to the deep waters. But they were connected to Simon Peter.
 - Stay connected to the right people.
 - Simon Peter dreamed of being a great fisherman, but God’s dream for him was BIGGER: share the Gospel.
 - We have the same opportunity. The invite has never been easier. There is a huge Gospel opportunity in this season.
 - People are bored and afraid. Show them God is not boring. Show them how to be fearless.
 - When you go fishing, you take the fish from a beautiful life to death. When you fish for people, you take someone from death to a beautiful life in Christ.

Discussion Questions

*Remember to pick and choose
which questions make sense for your LifeGroup.*

1. What are some creative ways we can continue to gather during this season?
2. Read Isaiah 41:10. How can we find peace in a culture of fear and anxiety? What are some practical ways we can share this peace with others?
3. Read Ephesians 3:20. Has there been a time when God took your dream for your life and turned it into His BIGGER dream? If so, please share it with your group.
4. Read Luke 5:1-3. When have you seen God turn failure into a faith opportunity?
5. Read Luke 5:4-5. If you were in Simon Peter's position, how would you have responded to Jesus' command?
6. Have you ever felt God's call or command did not make sense? How did you respond?
7. Read Luke 5:6-7. When has Jesus stepped in and provided in your life?
8. Has God ever provided for you in an unexpected way?
9. Have you invited Jesus into your business? If you have, has it always been easy to do so? If you have not, what do you think is holding you back?
10. Read Phil 4:19 and Ps 37:25. What verses do you turn to when you need reminders of God's promises for provision?
11. Read Luke 5:8-11. When have you received "overflow blessings" because you were connected to the right people?
12. When have you seen others receive "overflow blessings" because they were connected to you?
13. What are some creative ways you can share the Gospel with others during this season?
14. How can you show others how to be fearless right now?
15. Who is someone you need to lead from death to a beautiful life in Christ?

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