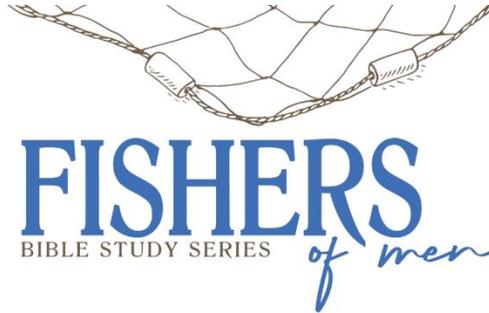


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## The Unity

“One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organizations do not constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team. The first requisite is life, always.” *A.W. Tozer*

### Luke 5:6-7

*6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*

*7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.*

### **1. Gathering the Increase by Means of Fulfilled Partnerships.**

- “They” beckoned unto their partners in the other ship.
- **I Corinthians 3:6** *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase*
- **I Corinthians 3:8** *Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.*
- **I Corinthians 3:9** *For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*

**Luke 5:8** *“When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees,”*

### **2. The Increase is of God!**

- The increase is never described of man’s “anything”
- Man had nothing to do with the increase, only the toil.
- **I Corinthians 3:7** *So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*
- They fell not at Simon’s knees, but at the knees of the master.

**Luke 5:7** *“And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.”*

### **3. The Increase is Enough to Fill Every Vessel Surrendered to the Master.**

- The destructive barriers of coveting must not prevail.
- The evil fear of others receiving greater success must not prevail.
- Completeness of increase is promised to every vessel surrendered.

## There Is a Harvest Ready

**The ministry of Jesus made both the harvest and the need visible.**

**Matthew 9:35** *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

**Compassion will unveil the nature of the need.**

**Matthew 9:36** *But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*

**Vision will reveal the answer to the need.**

**Matthew 9:37** *Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;***

**Unity will provide growth to meet the need.**

**Matthew 9:38** *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

UNITY to pray for, train and empower more laborers.

### Necessity of Unity in I Corinthians 12

*12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

*18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.*

*21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.*

*22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:*

*25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.*

*26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.*

1. The body is one, but has many members.
2. God has purposed the order and placement of each member.
3. No member is unneeded or without purpose.
4. There should not be division in the body.
5. We suffer and rejoice together.

## **Dynamics of Your Calling and Unity**

- This story reveals spiritual principles that align us in unity.

**Luke 5:4** *Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*

1. There is a will of God in the timing of each season of calling/ministry.
2. There is a will of God in the placement of a calling/ministry.
3. There is purpose in the circumstances of toiling.
  - The power given to your ministry is directly respective of spiritual lessons God brings to lights through circumstances of toiling.
  - God does not owe us a life free from difficulties when He calls us to serve His Kingdom.
4. There are definitive steps for your advancement in the Kingdom.
  - Don't get caught up in random/enticing service.
5. There are definitive methods for each harvest.
6. There is Kingdom design apart from man's plan/understanding.

## **The Abandonment of All Else to Follow Christ**

**Luke 5:11** *And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.*

### **II Timothy 2:20-22**

*20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.*

*21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.*

*22 **Flee also youthful lusts**: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

1. Youthful lusts of immorality.
  - **I Corinthians 6:18** *Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.*
2. Youthful lusts of pride and presumption.
  - Operating in pride or presumption apart from God's plan destroys unity.
3. Youthful lusts of recognition, fame and power.
  - These lusts desire allegiance.
  - Seeking others to align with our vision at the cost of their own independent calling of God.