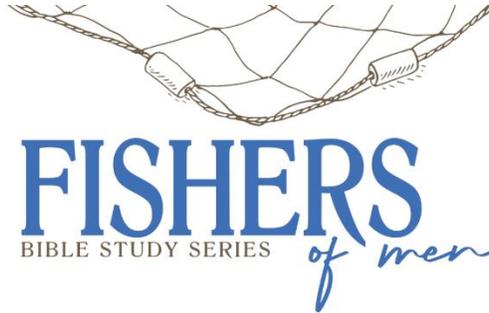


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The Surrender

Simon and these disciples are recorded finding Christ in John 1.

John 1:40 *One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.*

John 1:41 *He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.*

John 1:42 *And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.*

Peter had experienced the ministry of Christ personally.

Luke 4:38 *And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.*

Luke 4:39 *And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.*

A Beginning Surrender

Luke 5:2 *And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.*

- The word “standing” bears upon the story that Jesus first finds us at a time of unprofitability.
- We begin our journey with Christ from a place of unfruitfulness.

Luke 5:3 *And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land...*

- Jesus asked Simon to let the mission direct the command of Simon's ship.
- The mission of Jesus Christ supersedes all else.
- To give command of the vessel to Christ is always the beginning point.

Luke 5:3 *... And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.*

- Jesus sat down, taking the posture of Master/Teacher.
- This is a testing place in Simon's life.

All of us have a place where we must begin surrendering to Christ!
 Will you allow Christ to supersede your planned blueprint for life?

Jesus then unveils a specific element of calling men to become fishers of men.

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.*

- Are you ready to become fruitful?
- Are you ready to surrender further?

Any plan God has for us will draw us further into faith/surrender.

A Tale of Two Kings

Saul never could master surrender.

1 Samuel 15:13 *And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.*

1 Samuel 15:14 *And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?*

1 Samuel 15:15 *And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.*

Through lack of surrender Saul forfeits greatness.

1 Samuel 15:28 *And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.*

David found surrender all the days of his life (Except the matter of Uriah).

1 Kings 15:5 *Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.*

Surrender profited David a lamp/progeny in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:4 *Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:*

Peter would be drawn past experience and past an initial surrender.

- Following Christ always reveals a cross to carry.

Luke 9:23 *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

The Mastery of Further Surrender

Luke 5:5 *And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless **at thy word** I will let down the net.*

Surrendering to God majors in giving up control of the command of the vessel to God.

- **The standout characteristic of fishing is who has the command of the vessel/ship.**
 - Time of Day, Weather Conditions, Location, Method.
 - Recollection of our last draught.
 - Where we were, the weather, the lake, which shore of the lake, among the weeds, just off a particular shelf in the water, a particular depth. Each lake has a memory, a particular fishing rod, a particular boat, a particular time (sun was setting), the weather was such.

All these things so carefully planned and thought out come to a crucial crux in the road. They must be surrendered to the command and guidance of the Master.

Peter learned the mastery of further surrender... **At Thy Word.**

This would be Peter's continued calling.

Matthew 14:26-29

26 *And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.*

27 *But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.*

28 *And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.*

29 *And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.*

“Bid Me Come” – **At Thy Word** I can be obedient and find strength to overcome.

The Great Commission would be the standing command for Peter and the Disciples.

Matthew 28:18 *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

Matthew 28:19 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

This surrender would be tested by trial of faith.

Acts 4:19 *But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.*

Acts 4:20 *For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*

“God owns all; He owns me; He owns my home; He owns my children; He owns my property. I have called your attention before to the fact that the modern idea of ownership is pagan. The Christian idea is this: that God is the absolute owner of all things.” Clovis G. Chappell

Luke 5:5 *And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.*

Luke 5:6 *And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake*

Simon reminded Jesus of the unfruitfulness. Jesus replaced unfruitfulness with the miraculous multitude through surrender.

Surrender Equation:

Faithfulness & Availability + Surrender to the Command of God + God’s Supernatural Power = “a great multitude of fishes”

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.***

Philippians 3:7-8

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ

Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Matthew 10:28-30

28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

*29 And Jesus answered and said, **Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,***

*30 **But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.***

“Christ will be in no man’s debt. If you lend Him your boat, He will return it filled with silver fish. The boats were filled; the upper room was filled with the Holy Spirit; and all Martha’s hospitality was well repaid when Lazarus was raised.” FB Meyer

Galatians 6:7-9

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.