



Luke 5:1-11 (NIV) ¹One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, ²he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

1. God Uses Ordinary People Who Do What _____ Says.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4)

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything..." (Luke 5:5)

"...but because you say so, I will let down the nets." (Luke 5:5)

2. God Uses Ordinary People Who Are _____.

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. (Luke 5:6)

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8)

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

3. God Uses Ordinary People Who _____ Everything to Him.

"Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. (Luke 5:10-11)

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

Want to Go Deeper?

- Think about how you would respond if you were Peter and Jesus chose you to be His disciple.
- List one area where you need to tell God, "As you wish."
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Memorize Luke 5:11.
- Read *The Man God Uses: Moved from the Ordinary to the Extraordinary* by Henry Blackaby.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!