

But At Your Word

Luke 5:1-11

Introduction:

- A. In our text we find Peter and some others after a long, hard night of fruitless fishing.
- B. While they were tending to their nets, Jesus came along and started preaching. Let's see what lessons we can learn from this encounter with Jesus.

The Crowd (vs. 1-2)

- A. Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, also known as the Sea of Galilee.
- B. There was a crowd of people who were "pressing in on him to hear the word of God" (v. 1).
- C. Are we eager to hear a Word from God (Job 23:12; Psa. 119:20; 131; I Pet. 2:2)?

The Command (vs. 3-4)

- A. Jesus tells Peter to go out into the deep water and lower his nets so he can catch some fish.
- B. Jesus commanded Peter to do something contrary to all his experience and training. This command went against Peter's experience, comfort and pride.
- C. Are there some commands in scripture that we find difficult to follow (Matt. 7:12; Lk. 6:27; Matt. 18:21-22; Acts 2:38)?

The Compliance (v. 5)

- A. Peter took Jesus at His word even though the command may have appeared futile.
- B. By obeying the command, Peter demonstrated his faith in Jesus.
- C. Do we have enough faith to take Jesus at His Word and do what He commands of us?

The Catch (vs. 6-10)

- A. Peter's obedience to Jesus brought about great results (vs. 9-10).
- B. When we take Jesus at His word and obey Him, the results will be well worth it (Heb. 5:9).
- C. We may not know exactly why God is calling us to do certain things, but we can be sure that when we do what He says, we will experience great blessings.

Conclusion:

- A. Peter and the others left the greatest catch of their lives to surrendered their lives to Jesus (v. 11).
- B. To follow Jesus means to obey Him and surrender your life to Him (Rom. 12:1). Will you do that?