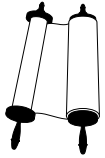


The Life of the Apostle Peter
Study # 3
Lessons from the Boat: The Call of Peter
Luke 5:1-11



The Stages of Discipleship

The twelve arrived at their final intimate relation to Jesus only by degrees, three stages in the history of their fellowship with Him being distinguishable. In the first stage they were simply believers in Him as the Christ, and His occasional companions at convenient, particularly festive, seasons. Of this earliest stage in the intercourse of the disciples with their Master we have some memorials in the four first chapters of John's Gospel, which tell how some of them first became acquainted with Jesus.

In the second stage, fellowship with Christ assumed the form of an uninterrupted attendance on His person, involving entire, or at least habitual abandonment of secular occupations. The present narratives bring under our view certain of the disciples entering on this second stage of discipleship. Of the four persons here named, we recognize three, Peter, Andrew, and John, as old acquaintances, who have already passed through the first stage of discipleship.

The twelve entered on the last and highest stage of discipleship when they were chosen by their Master from the mass of His followers, and formed into a select band, to be trained for the great work of the apostleship. This important event probably did not take place till all the members of the apostolic circle had been for some time about the person of Jesus. — *Training of the Twelve*

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pressed upon - (Gk., *epikeisthai*) The people were actually "pressing" in upon Jesus. They gathered and crowded around Him. Note why: to hear the Word of God. They pressed to hear the Word of God. They had a hunger and thirst after righteousness. (*P.O.S.B.*)
catch - (Gk., *zogron*). To grab, to catch alive.

I. Peter's Contribution (1-3)

- A. **The Problem (1; Mt. 5:6; Is. 55:1)**
- B. **The Possibility (2)**
- C. **The Provision (3)**
 - 1. **The Loaning of the Boat**
(3A; Mt. 19:21-22; 2 Sam. 24:24)
 - 2. **The Launching of the Boat (3B)**
 - 3. **The Lessons From the Boat (3C)**

II. Peter's Catch (4-7)

- A. **The Order (4)**
 - 1. **Where to Go**
 - 2. **What to Do**
- B. **The Obstinace (5A)**
 - 1. **The Timing of Jesus**
 - 2. **The Temperament of Peter**
- C. **The Obedience (5B)**
- D. **The Outcome (6-7)**
 - 1. **The Catch (6)**
 - 2. **The Cooperation (7A)**
 - 3. **The Capacity (7B; Lk. 18:28-30)**

III. Peter's Consecration (8-11)

- A. **A New Vision of Jesus (8-10)**
 - 1. **His Action (8A)**
 - 2. **His Announcement (8B; Job. 42:2)**
 - 3. **His Astonishment (9; Is. 6:5; Job 42:5-6)**
 - 4. **His Associates (10A)**
- B. **A New Vocation from Jesus (10B-11)**
 - 1. **The Focus (10B)**
 - a. **On Peter's Fear**
 - b. **On Peter's Future**
(Lk. 10:2; Jude 22-23)
 - 2. **The Following (11)**
What Keeps Us From Following:
 - a. **Myself (Lk. 9:23)**
 - b. **Momma (Lk. 14:26)**
 - c. **Materialism (Lk. 14:33)**

CONCLUSION: