

Jesus provided “a great number of fish” (5:6) after “they let down the net” (5:5).

¹⁰ *"For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.*

¹¹ *For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.*

¹² *Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread."* II Thessalonians 3:10-12

V. JESUS PROVIDES FOR YOUR NEEDS TO GROW YOUR MATURITY

¹⁰ *"and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.*

¹¹ *So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him."* Luke 5:10-11

Jesus initially ask Peter to “put out a little from the land” ((5:3).

But later he asked Peter to “launch out into the deep” (5:4).

Jesus took Peter out to the deep water to deepen his faith.

¹⁸ *"knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*

¹⁹ *but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

²⁰ *He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you"*

I Peter 1:18-20

¹⁸ *"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. to Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."* II Peter 3:18

WHERE JESUS GUIDES, HE PROVIDES

FOLLOW JESUS: STORIES ON THE LIFE OF PETER

Cast Your Nets: A Story Of Provision

Pastor Steve Reynolds

Introduction:

- A. Jesus called out to Peter, “*Follow Me*” (Matthew 4:19). This began what would be a remarkable journey of Peter learning how to follow Jesus more closely.

There is much we can learn from studying the life of Peter. Many of the challenges he faced are common to all of us. We can relate to his humanity as he experienced great moments of faith and moments of failure.

To follow Jesus is to be like Jesus. Knowing this the Key Verse for this series is I Peter 2:21 where Peter wrote, “*For this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.*”

- B. Attend the FOLLOW JESUS Teaching series to learn how to follow Jesus more closely. Explore interesting stories and valuable lessons from the life of Peter. Learn from this inspiring transformation of how a simple fisherman became a founding leader of Christianity.

Oct 12	On The Shore: A Story Of Transformation
TODAY	Cast Your Nets: A Story Of Provision
Oct 26	In The Storm: A Story Of Faith
Nov 2	They Saw His Glory: A Story Of Confidence
Nov 9	Washing Their Feet: A Story Of Serving
Nov 16	I Don't Know Him: A Story Of Failure
Nov 23	By The Fire: A Story Of Restoration
Nov 30	Build My Church: A Story Of Significance

C. TEXT Luke 5:1-11

Follow Jesus Principle: Where Jesus Guides, He Provides.

⁵ *"But Simon answered and said to Him, 'Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net.'"*

Luke 5:5

HOW JESUS PROVIDES FOR YOUR NEEDS

I. JESUS KNOWS YOUR NEEDS BEFORE YOU DO

¹ *"So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets."*

Luke 5:1-2

Jesus knew Peter had a physical and spiritual need.

³¹ *"Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"*

³² *For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."*

Matthew 6:31-32

II. JESUS PROVIDES FOR YOUR NEEDS WHEN YOU TURN TOWARD HIM

³ *"Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat."*

Luke 5:3

Jesus got into Peter's boat and asked him to steer the boat. Peter obeyed and naturally turned towards Jesus as He taught the multitudes.

³³ *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

Matthew 6:33

III. JESUS PROVIDES FOR YOUR NEEDS THROUGH OBEDIENCE

⁴ *"When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, 'Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.'*

⁵ *But Simon answered and said to Him, 'Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net.'"* Luke 5:4-5

Jesus' blessings followed Peter's obedience.

¹⁷ *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17

³ *"Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him."* Mark 6:3

Peter calls Jesus, "Master" (5:5).

By using this word Peter is saying Jesus is his commander and he is willing to take orders from him.

IV. JESUS PROVIDES FOR YOUR NEEDS BOTH NATURALLY AND SUPERNATURALLY

⁶ *"And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking."*

⁷ *So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink."*

⁸ *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

⁹ *For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;"* Luke 5:6-9