



**Series:** Miracles of Jesus

**Sermon:** Part 4: Abundance In The Hands Of The Savior

**Date:** Sunday, July 27th, 2025

Why do we have a tendency to push God to the side or even ignore Him as we just go about living our lives the way we see fit? The reason: Control

Jesus demonstrated numerous miracles, not so that people would be drawn to the miracles, but so that they would be drawn to the God behind the miracles.

*“You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). (John 1:42)*

*“Come, follow Me and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Matthew 4:19)*

*One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the Word of God. (Luke 5:1)*

Following Jesus requires us to first \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

*...at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He 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. But when Jesus had finished speaking [to the crowd from the boat], He said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything.” (Luke 5:2-5)*

Jesus was asking Simon to do something that he had done a thousand times before, but now to do it Jesus’ way.

God never intended for us to cast our nets alone.

Jesus enters into those places that are out of our control and extends an invitation to us that He is ready to provide for all our needs. We only need to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

*“But because You say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that even the boats began to sink. (Luke 5:5-7)*



*When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from Me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. (Luke 5:8-10)*

Jesus didn't come for people who have it all together, He came for those who realize their brokenness, sin, failure, and desperate need for a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." (Luke 5:10)*

*So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him. (Luke 5:11)*

**What stage are you at when it comes to following Him?**

- "Standing in the \_\_\_\_\_ stage"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ the boat stage"
- "Go \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus stage"
- "Leave \_\_\_\_\_ stage"

**Bottom Line:** *Jesus enters into those places that are out of our control and extends an invitation to us that He is ready to provide for all our needs. We only need to surrender and then in trust, follow Him.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. *What have you been trying to control in your life that has come back empty?*
2. *What stage are you at when it comes to following Jesus? Are you "standing in the crowd," "loaning the boat," "going fishing with Jesus," or "leave everything" stage?*
3. *What is your next move based on Jesus' invitation for you to follow?*

*Songs used in service: Better (Patt Barrett), Jireh (Maverick City Music & Elevation Worship), How Deep The Father's Love For Us (Stuart Townend), The Jesus Way (Phil Wickham), Build My Life (Pat Barrett)*

**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**