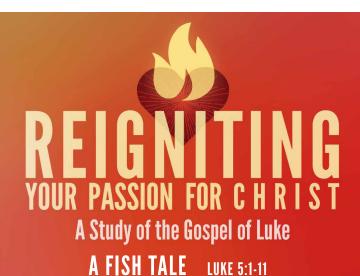
May 22, 2016 Dr. Robert Jeffress



**INTRODUCTION:** Have you discovered God's unique calling for your life? Don't be surprised if God's purpose for your life is closely related to your natural gifts and interests, as one group of disciples we will look at today learned.

- I. The Story (Luke 5:1-11)
  - A. Jesus' Public Teaching (Luke 5:1-3)

Luke 5:1-3 "¹Now it came about that while the multitude were pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; ² and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them, and were washing their nets.

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

B. Jesus' Personal Challenge (Luke 5:4-11)

Luke 5:4-5 "<sup>4</sup> And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered and said, 'Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your bidding I will let down the nets.'"

Luke 5:6-7 "<sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; <sup>7</sup> and they signaled to their partners in the other boat, for them to come and help them. And they came, and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink."



## A FISH TALE Luke 5:1-11 May 22, 2016 | Dr. Robert Jeffress

Luke 5:8-9 "8 But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!' 9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;"

Job 42:5-6 "<sup>5</sup>I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees Thee; <sup>6</sup>Therefore, I retract and I repent in dust and ashes."

Luke 5:10 "and so also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.'"

2 Timothy 2:24-26 "<sup>24</sup> And the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, <sup>25</sup> with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will."

Luke 5:11 "And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him."

- II. Four Practical Principles For Today
  - A. God Invites Us to **Partner** with Him in Ministry
  - B. God Uses our Natural **Gifts** for Supernatural Purposes
  - C. Genuine **Faith** Precedes Abundant **Blessings**
  - D. God's Call is **Total**, not **Partial**

Conclusion