

# Why Don't You Do Something

Luke 5:1-11



# People God Uses

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*Last week we talked about  
Satan wants to...*

*...Steal Our Identity*

- *Too Many have  
Succumbed to a Shallow  
Christian Life*
- *Some think they need a...  
...Phone Booth / SC on  
Chest  
...to be Used by God*



# Remember Who You Are

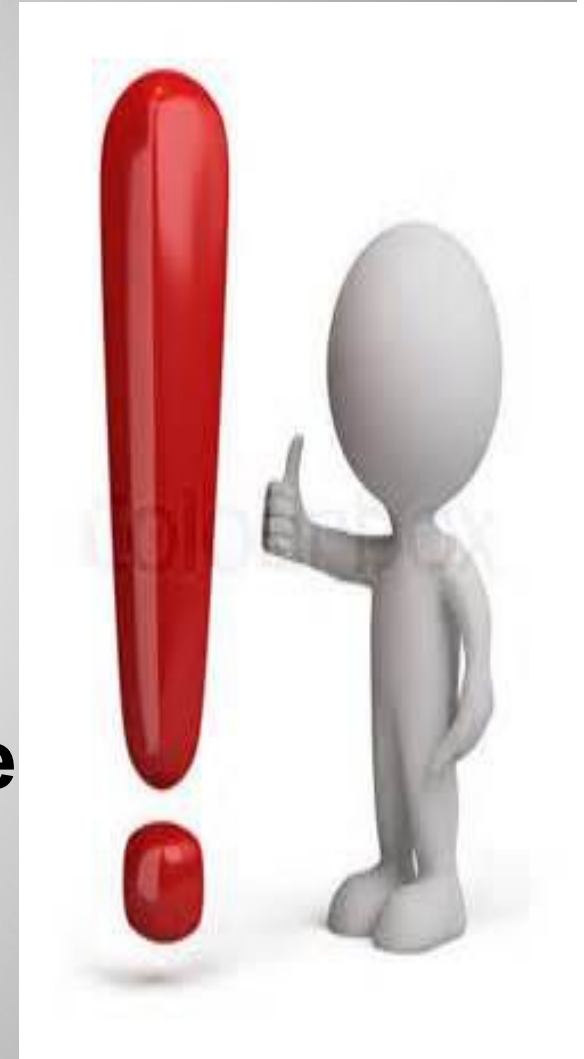
**Identity = Four Questions:**

- **Who Am I?**
- **Where Did I Come From?**
- **Where Am I Going?**
- **Why Am I Here?**



# Remember Who You Are

- **I Am a Child of the King**
- **I Came from God**
- **I Am Going Back to God**
- **Along the Way...**
  - ...I Am Going to**
  - ...Make a Difference**



# Calling All Christians!

**God needs Boots on the ground!**

**Satan desires to stop this from happening**

**..creates a Spiritual Identity Crisis**

- **Time to Rise up!**

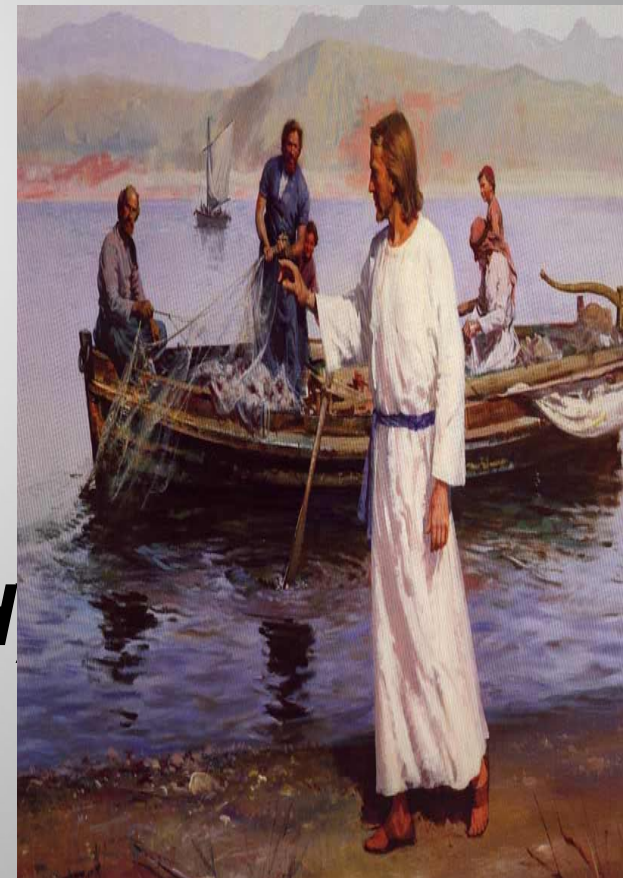


# What Kind of People Does God Use?

If there was ever a person who could be  
voted most unlikely to be Used by God

It was a...

- **Brawny**
- **Boistrous**
- **Impulsive**
- **Fisherman (*common man*)**  
...Known as Simon (*reed*)



# Jesus Sees Our Potential

**1st- Name Change- John 1:40-42**

- **Simon "*a reed*"**
  - **Blown by the Winds of Public Opinion**
  - **Shaken in his beliefs by Pressure of Others**

**But Jesus Saw Something More, He called him**

- **Peter "*a rock*" one who would be...**
  - ...strong / steadfast in his loyalty to Jesus**
  - ... and his commitment to the call of God**

**His journey with Jesus was One of Being Transformed from a Reed to a Rock**

# God Uses Ordinary People

a Fisherman, *a common man* -Acts 4:13

- Jesus was known as Rabbi.
- Parents would Save Up + Seek a Rabbi

Not So with Jesus.

- He Sought Out His Followers
- He was No Respector of Persons
- He told the Pharisees- "*The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you*" Matt 21:31



# **God Uses Ordinary People**

**Here Are Three Great Lessons:**

**Jesus Initiates the Search.**

- **God is Searching for Us - Luke 19:10**

**Jesus Loves Us Just Like We Are.**

**Jesus Takes What We Have...**

**...and Uses It For His Glory**

**He Doesn't Change Our Personality But...**

**...Uses It**

# F.A.T.

## God Uses F.A.T. People

### ○ Faithful

**Heb 10:38**, *the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

### ○ Available

**Isa 6:8**, *I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, / who will go for us? ..I said, Here am I; send me.*

### ○ Teachable

**Prov 16:18**, *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

# **God Uses Persevering People**

## **Perseverance is a Greater than Ability**

- Peter was tired.
- They had fished all night and had caught nothing.
- The effort failed, but he was willing to go back out and try again.

## **Fishermen are a Patient and Persevering**

**A good fisherman always goes back into the same waters that discouraged him and tries again.**

# God Uses Obedient People

One of the **Greatest Faith Statements** in the Bible

*"Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net"*

**Luke 5:5**

- If there is One Word you put in your Vocabulary **Nevertheless** *"in spite of doubt, discouragement, disillusionment, failures of others, personal setbacks, personal failure, I will let down the net"*

**Nevertheless= No Excuses**

# God Uses Humble People

**Humility** *"to recognize your need of God"*

- *"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*  
**(8)**

## **A Mark Of All God's Servants**

- **Abraham** - *"I am nothing but dust and ashes"* **Gen 18:27**
- **Jacob** - *"I am less than the least of all Your mercies"*  
**Gen 32:10**
- **Job** - *"I repent and abhor myself"* **-Job 42:6**
- **Isaiah** - *"Woe is me"* **-Isa 6:5**
- **Paul** - *"I am the chief of sinners and the least of the apostles"* **-I Cor 15:9**

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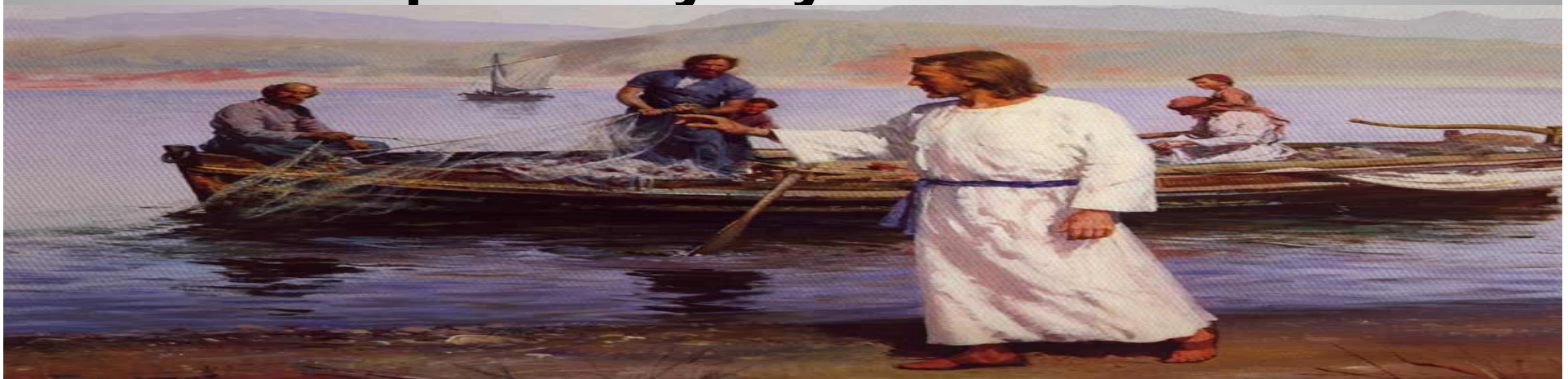
- **Humility before God transforms us into servants**
- **We Relinquish our Desire to Rule Over Others, to Control, Dominate, Intimidate, Exercise Authority**



# God Uses Visionary People

## Christ Gives Peter a Vision...

- What He Can Be
- What He Could Do for the Kingdom of God:
- Do not be afraid; you will catch men -Luke 5: 10
- Vision inspires Loyalty.



# He Did Something!

- That day on the shoreline of Galilee, Peter caught a glimpse of the man he could be in Christ. And it came to pass.
- He Changed His Priority, Focus and Devotion

**He Launched Out into the Deep  
For the Rest of His Life!**

