

FOLLOWER

Luke 5:1-11

Being a “Christ-follower” is being “one in the service of another.”

The story in Luke 5 helps believers discover again what it means to follow Jesus.

- **#1: A FOLLOWER IS OBEDIENT IN SMALL MATTERS.**

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, ²he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He 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.
Luke 5:1-3 (New International Version)

“ ‘Well done, you good and faithful servant!’ said his master. ‘You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!’ ” Matthew 25:21 (Good News Translation)

Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; . . .
Luke 16:10 (GNT)

And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. 2 John 6a (NIV)

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27 (NIV)

- **#2: A FOLLOWER DEMONSTRATES GROWING OBEDIENCE AS HE OR SHE LEARNS TO TRUST JESUS MORE AND MORE.**

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Luke 5:4-10a (NIV)

Two Results of a Deepening Trust in Him and Obedience to His Voice

- We experience His intervention in our lives. (See Luke 5:6-7.)
- We experience a realization of our inadequacy and need.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5 (NIV)

- **#3: A FOLLOWER LEARNS TO GIVE FULL SURRENDER TO THE WILL OF GOD.**

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.” ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.
Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Gives Believers Two Promises to Hold On To as They Follow Him in Full Surrender

- A release from fear - “Don’t be afraid . . .”
- An empowerment for the task

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”
Matthew 4:19 (NIV)

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