

## **LUKE LESSON 20 HANDOUT**

**Luke 5:4** When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon (Peter), Put out into the deep [water], and lower your nets for a haul.

**5** And Simon (Peter) answered, Master, we toiled all night [exhaustingly] and caught nothing [in our nets]. But on the ground of Your word, I will lower the nets [again].

**6** And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish; and as their nets were [at the point of] breaking,

**7** They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and take hold with them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink

**8** But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

**9** For he was gripped with bewildering amazement [allied to terror], and all who were with him, at the haul of fish which they had made;

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Gary Haugen, the founder of International Justice Mission, a Christian organization that frees people trapped in sex trafficking, describes God's calling to start IJM.

I vividly remember when I finally had to make a decision to abandon my career at the U.S. Department of Justice to become the first employee of a not-for-profit organization that didn't yet actually exist called International Justice Mission. I had worked for three years with friends on the idea of IJM and was very excited, in theory, about this dream of following Jesus in the work of justice in the world. But then I had to actually act. I had to walk into the Department of Justice and turn in my badge ... I tried to be very

brave and very safe. That is to say, I walked in and asked my bosses for a yearlong leave of absence .... My bosses politely declined.

I was suddenly feeling very nervous .... What was I really afraid of? As I thought about it, I feared humiliation. If my little justice ministry idea didn't work, no one was going to die. If IJM turned out to be a bad idea and collapsed, my kids weren't going to starve. We'd probably just have to live with my parents for a while until I could find another job, but with my education, odds are I would soon find a job. The fact is, I would be terribly embarrassed. Having told everybody about my great idea, they would know that it was a bad idea or that I was a bad leader. Either way, it would be humiliating.

So there it was. My boundary of fear. I sensed God inviting me to an extraordinary adventure of service, but deep inside I was afraid of looking like a fool and a loser. This was actually very helpful to see, because it helped me get past it. When I am [older], do I really want to look back and say, *Yeah, I sensed that God was calling me to lead a movement to bring rescue to people who desperately need an advocate in the world, but I was afraid of getting embarrassed and so I never even tried?...*

Fear is normal, even among the earnest and devout, and it can be overcome. But first we must see the opportunity it provides—a revelation that only comes as we step to the precipice of action.

*Gary Haugen, Just Courage (InterVarsity Press, 2008), pp. 129-130*

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## **2 Kings 5:9–14 (AMP)**

**<sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stopped at Elisha's door.**

**<sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.**

**<sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry and went away and said, Behold, I thought he would surely come out to me and stand and**

**call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and heal the leper.**

**<sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.**

**<sup>13</sup>And his servants came near and said to him, My father, if the prophet had bid you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, Wash and be clean?**

**<sup>14</sup>Then he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, as the man of God had said, and his flesh was restored like that of a little child, and he was clean.**

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**Luke 5:10 And so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon (Peter). And Jesus said to Simon, Have no fear; from now on you will be catching men!**

**<sup>11</sup>And after they had run their boats on shore, they left everything and joined Him as His disciples and sided with His party and accompanied Him.**

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### **Acts 4:1–13 (NASB95)**

**<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them,**

**<sup>2</sup>being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.**

**<sup>3</sup>And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.**

**<sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.**

**<sup>5</sup>On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;**

**<sup>6</sup>and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.**

**<sup>7</sup>When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"**

**<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people,**

**<sup>9</sup>if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well,**

**<sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health.**

**<sup>11</sup>"He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone.**

**<sup>12</sup>"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."**

**<sup>13</sup>Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.**

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## **Bill Hybels : Holy Discontent.**

**Still today, what wrecks the heart of someone who loves God is often the very thing God wants to use to fire them up to do something that, under normal circumstances, they would never attempt to do. Whether you're a high powered marketplace person, a stay at home mom, full time student, or something altogether different , you, (yes you) can join God in making what is wrong in the world right. And it all starts with you finding your holy discontent; it begins with you determining what it is that you just can't stand.**

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### **Signs Follow Decisions**

In my experience, signs follow decisions. The way you overcome spiritual inertia and produce spiritual momentum is by making tough decisions. And the tougher the decision, the more potential momentum it will produce. The primary reason most of us don't see God moving is simply because we aren't moving. If you want to see God move, you need to make a move!

I learned this lesson in dramatic fashion during the first year at National Community Church. We had been praying for a drummer to join our worship team for months, but I felt like I needed to put some feet on my faith, so I went out and bought a four-hundred-dollar drum set. It was a *Field of Dreams* moment: if you buy it, they will come. I bought the drum set on a Thursday. Our first drummer showed up the next Sunday. And he was good. He was actually part of the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps.

Rock and roll.

I cannot promise that signs will follow your faith in three minutes or three hours or three days. But when you take a step of faith, signs will follow. God will sanctify your expectations, and you will begin to live your life with holy anticipation. You won't be able to wait to see what God is going to do next.

**The elite team of Navy SEALs that killed Osama bin Laden on May 1, 2011, is still largely shrouded in mystery. But in a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal*, Eric Greitens, a former Navy SEAL, divulged the one quality that makes for a successful SEAL—the ability to think about other people and a higher purpose. Here's an excerpt from his article:**

**The rigors that SEALs go through begin on the day they walk into Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training in Coronado, Calif., universally recognized as the hardest military training in the world. BUD/S lasts a grueling six months. The classes include large contingents of high-school and college track and football stars, national-champion swimmers, and top-ranked wrestlers and boxers, but only 10-20 percent of the men who begin BUD/S usually manage to finish ....**

**What kind of man makes it through Hell Week? That's hard to say. But I do know—generally—who won't make it. There are a dozen types that fail: the weight-lifting meatheads who think that the size of their biceps is an indication of their strength ... the preening leaders who don't want to get dirty, and the look-at-me former athletes who have always been told they are stars .... In short, those who fail are the ones who focus on show.**

**Some men who seemed impossibly weak at the beginning of SEAL training—men who puked on runs and had trouble with pull-ups—made it. Some men who were skinny and short and whose teeth chattered just looking at the ocean also made it. Some men who were visibly afraid, sometimes to the point of shaking, made it too.**

**Almost all the men who survived possessed one common quality. Even in great pain, faced with the test of their**

**lives, they had the ability to step outside of their own pain, put aside their own fear and ask: How can I help the guy next to me? They had more than the "fist" of courage and physical strength. They also had a heart large enough to think about others, to dedicate themselves to a higher purpose.**

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***Eric Greitens, "The SEAL Sensibility," The Wall Street Journal (5-7-11)***