

Sermon Notes: Follow Me - Part 2 Read: Luke 5:1 – 11

A look at Peter, and James and John (the sons of Zebedee)

Following Jesus starts with listening; following Jesus starts with information. Real faith is built on truth. It doesn't just start with "leave what you're doing," but it starts with information.

In this story, Jesus steps into Peter's boat and begins to speak to the people. James and John are there, too, hearing Jesus' words.

Romans 10:17 *"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."*
Faith comes by hearing, faith comes by listening, faith comes by asking questions, etc. Following begins with listening.

When Jesus finishes speaking, he asks Peter to put his just-cleaned nets back into the water. Peter explains to the Master that they've fished all night (the proper time for night fishing) and have caught nothing. Jesus is asking for something different than the norm. Why? Jesus wants to know if Peter will trust Him. Peter has no idea what is at stake if he refuses. Because Jesus asks, Peter lets the nets down again.

DOING is what makes the difference. We never know what hangs in the balance when we respond to Jesus' prompting and DO (when we obey).

Peter's obedience resulted in a full-to-overflowing net of fish which led him to repentance. He realized who Jesus was; the invitation from His Savior forever changed his life. Peter heard, faith developed, he was obedient, God was faithful, and Peter, James, and John left their nets to follow Jesus.

(This story can also be found in Matthew 4:18-22)