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Luke 5:1-11 NIV

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He 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. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So 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. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

"May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi."

The prerequisite for becoming a disciple of Jesus was, when He said, "Come follow Me", you walked His way.

Where We Live with God:

The Shore

Luke 5:1 NIV

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

Where We Live with God:

The Shallows

Luke 5:3 NIV

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore.

Where We Live with God:

The Deep Water

Luke 5:4 NIV

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Jesus calls His disciples to abandon the **shore**, to press past the **shallows**, and to come out where it is **deeper**.

John 6:67-69 TPT

So Jesus said to his twelve, "And you—do you also want to leave?" Peter spoke up and said, "But Lord, where would we go? No one but you gives us the revelation of eternal life. We're fully convinced that you are the Anointed One, the Son of the Living God, and we believe in you!"

I'm familiar with MY way, but I'm now committed to following HIS way.