



HOME FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



TIP: Remember to begin and end with prayer, as well as plant your seed offering. It may be helpful to have someone read the scriptures in the King James Version (KJV) and another the Amplified (AMP) version for better understanding.

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Topic: Launch into the Deep

Introduction: When we were kids, many of us have memories of wading in the waters of a nearby pond, lake, or beach. For the most part, some parents did not make a big fuss about it, unless one brave kid decided to leave the edge and go off exploring into the deeper parts of the water. Although there were certainly lots more to discover farther out into the waters, the warning of our parents often kept us close to the shore. Now as believers of Jesus Christ and children of God, long gone are the days of mindless thinking and playing. Every step we take is normally calculated or well thought out. However instead of stepping out on faith and going after all God has for us, some believers are still playing it safe afraid to see what else is in store beyond the shore. However, just like Jesus encouraged Simon to launch beyond the shore into the deep in Luke 5, He is calling you to do the same today. Will you go? Will you obey?



Read & Discuss:

Luke 5:1-6

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.

In this passage, the fishermen stayed by the shore and did not catch anything. Because of this, they had given up on fishing in that area.

- Why do you believe some people stay in the same place, doing the same thing, for a long period of time, expecting different results?
- The night before, what would have happened if the fishermen moved out into the deep beyond the shore?

Going out into the deep can be symbolic of so many things in our lives. It could be a change of career, a new approach to a relationship, or lifestyle

change. Nevertheless, any change from the norm, often causes fear or apprehension. However, as stated in the passage, Jesus did not let His followers go into the deep alone. He got into the boat and went along with them (“Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land” Luke 5:1:3).

- Is there a specific area in your life where God is encouraging you to go out into the deep? Are you moving into the deep or are you still wading in the waters by the shore?

Although Simon was apprehensive about Jesus’ instructions, he followed them anyway. He did what Jesus told him to do because he had faith in Him as well as trusted His wisdom and guidance above his own. In the end, His act of obedience paid off more than he ever imagined.

- Simon’s act of obedience was also an act of _____.
- Simon’s act of obedience caused them to reap the bl_____s of God.



Conclusion:

If Jesus is calling us into go into the deep, there must be something there waiting for us, greater and better than we could ever imagine. Therefore, we do not have to be fearful or apprehensive to move from shallow shores to deeper depths because not only will God be with us, but He will also give us instructions on what to do when we get there. For He promised us in Isaiah 43:2, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” Will you launch out into the deep?

If you have additional questions or comments that you would like to submit regarding tonight’s topic, please submit them via email to one of our ministers at: info@godswaywoc.org.