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Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



Opening Questions

What does it mean to be **completely sold out and surrendered** to something you believe in?



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Opening Questions

What are some things that **hold us back** from fully surrendering to Jesus?



Background on Luke 5

By this point, Jesus has already **established** his ministry and **He is The Son of God.**

Luke 2 → The Birth of Jesus and Jesus at the Temple

Luke 3 → John the Baptist baptizes Jesus and tested in the wilderness

Luke 4 → He preaches in Nazareth, Drives out Demons, and Heals many!



The Crowds

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The Crowds

The Crowds **paused everything** they were doing to hear this man speak. People were amazed at his teaching.

The Crowds were hungry for the Word of God.



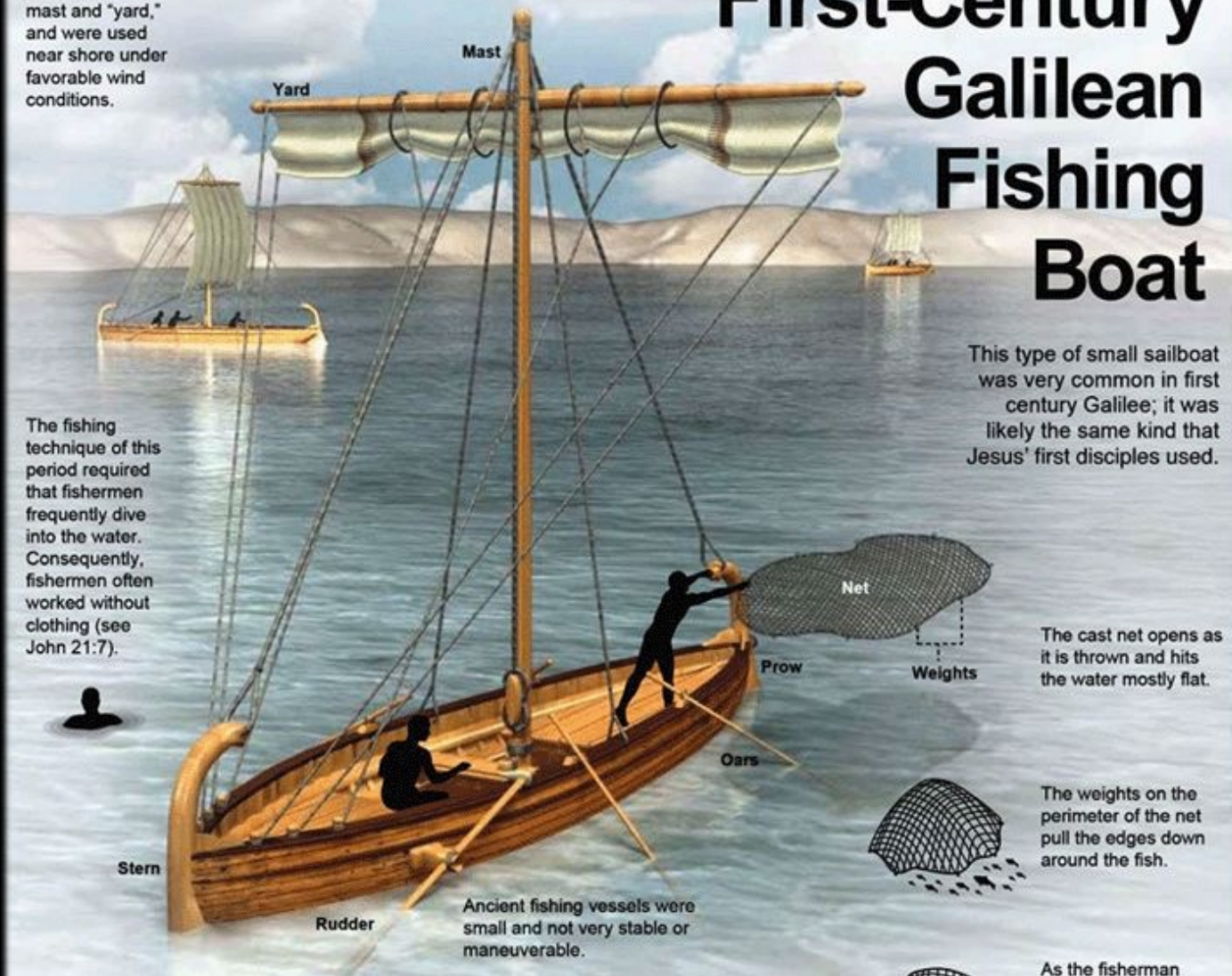


First-Century Galilean Fishing Boat

Sailboats of this period had only a mast and "yard," and were used near shore under favorable wind conditions.

The fishing technique of this period required that fishermen frequently dive into the water. Consequently, fishermen often worked without clothing (see John 21:7).

This type of small sailboat was very common in first century Galilee; it was likely the same kind that Jesus' first disciples used.



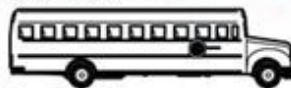
The cast net opens as it is thrown and hits the water mostly flat.

The weights on the perimeter of the net pull the edges down around the fish.

Ancient fishing vessels were small and not very stable or maneuverable.

Size comparison (approximate):

School bus



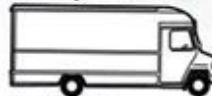
Length: 37 ft.

Galilean boat



Length: 26 ft.

Delivery truck



Length: 27 ft.

As the fisherman retrieves the net, the weights come together and trap the fish inside.



Roadmap

The Call into Deep Water (Luke 5:1-11)

- I. The Call of Jesus **happens** when we **Least Expect it**
- II. The Call of Jesus **challenges** all that we **Know**
- III. The Call of Jesus **will change** what we **Treasure**



I. The Call Happens When We Least Expect It

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Jesus call comes in ways where we weren’t expecting or planning on.

Peter’s Reluctance and Obedience → “I don’t know what you are doing but I will trust you.”







II. The Call Challenges All That We Know

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Jesus goes very much against our **culture** and **expectations** today.

Is it possible that Jesus has **even bigger plans** for your life than you ever DREAMED of??



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PETER DROPPED TO HIS KNEES AND HE IS CHANGED

At this moment, Peter UNDERSTANDS that Jesus has Authority in his PERSONAL life and everything he knows!!



The Chosen



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Peter begins to realize **his own sinfulness and shame**... and he is fearful to be in the presence of God!



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Daniel 10:15 →¹⁵ While he was speaking to me, I looked down at the ground, unable to say a word. ¹⁶ Then the one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing in front of me, “I am filled with anguish because of the vision I have seen, my lord, and I am very weak. ¹⁷ How can someone like me, your servant, talk to you, my lord? My strength is gone, and I can hardly breathe.”



II. The Call Challenges All That We Know

Peter recognized his sins and felt unworthy.. But that is **EXACTLY WHAT JESUS WANTS**

“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” – Luke 5:32

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III. The Call will Change What We Treasure

*Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, **left everything and followed him.***

Jesus calls Simon to be a Fisher of Men.

Peter must change his perspective and abandon **everything.** (Matthew 9:35-38)



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³⁶ When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** ³⁷ He said to his disciples, **“The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”**

-Matthew 9:36-38

III. The Call will Change What We Treasure



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- 3. Friends**
- 4. Work**
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Work Possessions**



Francis Chan

“God demands we treat Him as Holy. Which means He **is SET APART.**”

If we loved God the way we ought, there will be **no such thing as a close second.**”

Conclusion

Jesus is calling you to Deep Water. What do you need to surrender today?

His Call is Radical but NOT Reckless.

Let's **radically follow** God.
Let's **surrender all** to Him.
Let's make him **our only priority!**

