Unworthy Witnesses

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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.

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Unconventional Teacher (5:1–3)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Deuteronomy 6:4

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Christ uses Peter's boat as a pulpit, whence to throw the net of the Gospel over His hearers.

Uncomfortable Request (5:4–7)

Unholy Awareness (5:8–10a)

Everything is different when you meet the King. That's why we know that people who profess to be Christians but whose lives look just like the rest of the world are lying.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Unhindered Followship (5:10b, 11)

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

When morning came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also designated apostles:

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