

Love: How do these devotions teach about the love of God and the love for one another?
Learn: What have you learned about where Jesus walked that helps you with where you walk?
Share: What key insights have you learned this week on how to share your faith with others?

Monday January 23rd – *Read Luke 5:1-11.* Following Jesus begins with the realization of our shortcomings and needs. Before the miracle catch, there was a long night of frustration. After the miracle, Peter goes deeper and confesses sin and inadequacy. How did Jesus use the fishing lesson to teach about life doing it God’s way vs. doing it our way?

Tuesday, January 24th – *Read Luke 5:1-11.* Following Jesus requires complete faith in Jesus as our savior. Faith isn’t an all or nothing situation. We all have doubts and we struggle. When we come to a quiet place and let the immense depth of who God really is wash over us, faith seems a little easier. The peace and assurance comes from being “all in” to Jesus as our savior.

Wednesday, January 25th – *Read Luke 5:1-11.* Jesus knows our weaknesses and “unbelief” and gives us assurance for our faith. Jesus knew what the fishermen were dealing with, their inner turmoil and frustration. Instead of commanding them, he invited them and used a miracle to teach them. That’s grace. While we wish for visible “proof” in our day and time, we have something these simple fishermen didn’t have, the Resurrection.

Thursday, January 26th – *Read Luke 5:1-11.* To really follow Jesus, we have to leave some things behind. John Wesley’s Three Rules (Do no harm, Do good, Practice your faith daily) remind us that we shouldn’t do anything harmful to ourselves or others. The things we are being asked to leave behind when we choose to follow Jesus are the things that block our ability to change and grow. Any prejudice or understanding that prevents us from seeing others as sacred or serving in the world has to be left behind.

Friday, January 27th – *Read Luke 5:1-11.* If we are going to follow Jesus, we have to do what he does. Jesus invites the disciples to call others as he called them. We cannot follow Jesus if we don’t invite others to follow with us. The quickest way for the church to die is for Christians to keep their faith to themselves. We also have to do it Jesus’ way. We can feed the hungry, but we have to do it in a way where our presence represents the love of Jesus and offers compassion, grace and peace in addition to food.

Saturday, January 28th – *Read Luke 5:1-11.* Following Jesus isn’t something to jump into. Jesus didn’t pressure the Fishermen to follow him. He didn’t rush their decision or give them a deadline. Time passed and they had the opportunity to really let it sink in. Christ calls us to follow Him by invitation, gently, and with full disclosure that it is a lifetime commitment and requires all our attention to put Christ at the very center of our life.

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

Healing Strength: Pauline Chartrand (friend of Birdwells), Rex Townsend, Stan Enschede, Chris Osborn (Ken and Sandy Grubb’s daughter), Janet Coons (Donna McCullough’s daughter)

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