

Habits On Our Journey

Insights from Luke 5:1-11 (Dialogues w/ Jesus, part 5)

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Helpful Habits On Our Journey to Maturity:

1. H _____ God's Word

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. Luke 5:1-3 (ESV)

- Grasp God's Word (hear, read, study, memorize, meditate)
- P.R.A.Y.

2. H _____ in God's Direction

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. Luke 5:4-6 (ESV)

- will require trust ... expect hesitation, doubt your doubts
- will involve your time, talent and treasure

3. H _____ when blessed

They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Luke 5:7-10a (ESV)

- following Christ doesn't mean feeling calm
- blessings are turning points

4. H _____ for people

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. Luke 5:10b-11 (ESV)

- God loves to give new hearts of compassion
- At GPC, "Every member a minister"

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