

Let's First Recap the last 2 weeks because it is imperative to lead into today's lesson....

Bold Men Take Ownership of Their Salvation & Bold Men Walk in Fear of the Lord

- **Philippians 2:12-13** "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose."
 - We covered this scripture in detail in the
 - What is our input?
 - "Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.."
 - How do we do this?
 - We walk in Fear of the Lord
 - What is the output we receive from God?
 - "for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose."
- **Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
 - "The fear of God is not being afraid of Him. It is being afraid of being away from Him."
- John Bevere
 - Example: Jonah. Jonah was called to fish for men and was commissioned by God to live out the purpose that he was given. Jonah walked in foolishness because He didn't walk in reverent submission to God AKA the Fear of the Lord.
 - The whale/big fish was the destruction caused by Jonah following God.
 - Do and of you have any Jonah moments in your life where you have been swallowed up by the whale because you weren't following God and going your own way?
 - Fear of the Lord = Reverent submission in humbled gratefulness. This is the only response to the saving grace given to us. A life of grateful holiness!
- **Matthew 6:33** "But seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you."
 - Hard hitting statement: This is the purpose of every true believer's life. Note as I said true believer. Even the demons believe in Jesus but their belief does not save them. What kind of belief do your actions show you have? A true believer is marked by bearing fruit. We can only bear fruit by walking in the fear of the Lord (our input) and the fruit bearing is God's output (Phillipians 2:12-13).
 - **James 2:14-20** "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. 20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless."
- **Matthew 22:37-39** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
 - ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS DEPEND ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS
 - If we aren't walking in love first towards God and then second toward people, then we can't do anything biblically. We cannot follow the Word He has given us.

- **Note: This is our true purpose. It is all about our heart. Our heart towards God and our heart towards others. The cool thing is if our heart is fully for God then we will have our hearts set on His Kingdom. His kingdom is His people! The saved as well as the not yet saved.**
 - **Our uniqueness is where it gets neat in how God uses us. But don't worry, He WILL show you how He wants to use you. Don't complicate it. When He tugs on your heart. Say yes and go. Don't be a Jonah!**

Bold Men Fish

"If you ain't fishing, you ain't following"

Fishers of Men

- **Matt 4:19** "And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' "
 - What does Jesus want us to do? _____
 - As a result of obeying him, what new task will he give us? _____
 - In this text, Jesus used definitive wording. He said "FOLLOW ME, and I WILL make you fishers of men."
- **Luke 5:4-5** "And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch. And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."
 - Did Simon obey the Lord?
- **Luke 5:6-7** "And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 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."
 - See Luke 5:6, what was the result of Simon's action?
- Read **Luke 5:8**, Simon realizes he is in the presence of God - and he evaluates his own state of being - a sinner.
- **Luke 5:10b** "And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.'"
- And that is what we are to do... is to let down our nets in life and catch men.
- By the way.... Did Simon Peter pull in the nets and land all of the fish by himself? Who helped him? How can you help?
- **John 21:6** "He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish."
- Jesus used fishing throughout his ministry to explain things to his followers.

Bearing Much Fruit

- **John 15:8** "This is to my father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."
 - How does Jesus say that you bring glory to God? _____
- **John 15:16** "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."
 - Now that Christ chose me, what should I do? "Go . . ."