

LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP

LUKE 5:4 - 11

4 † Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **LAUNCH out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.**

5 † And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 † And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 † And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 † 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 was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

10 † And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, **FEAR not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.**

11 † And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

TEST OF FAITH

48-0305 AT.THY.WORD.LORD_ PHOENIX.AZ FRIDAY_

« E-17 † My, I like to have heard Him speak, wouldn't you? He spoke not like one of the scribes. He spoke with authority. And He begin to speak and tell the people, not what somebody else, but what "I." Now.

Now. And I can hear Simon say, "You know, there's something about that Man's speech that seems a little...

[Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] I like Him. I like the way He delivers that message." I can see him walk up a little closer. Then after Jesus had got through speaking, He was in Simon's boat. I can hear Him say, "Now, Simon..." Oh, my. I wonder what he thought. "Simon, thrust out now, into the deep. Launch out into the deep, and let down for the draught."

Now, that was kinda peculiar. "Go out there in the deep and let down for the draught? Why--why, look. We're--we're fishermen. Now, we're just not somebody that has a--a--a line stretched on the banks...?... we--we fish. We know what kind of... How the signs are to catch fish. And we fished right through here all night long, and we haven't taken a thing. Just think, all night and haven't taken nothing."

Well now--now Peter... Now, watch. Here's a test of faith. Now, I believe that God always puts people through a test of faith. Prove him first. Prove all things. And a real Christian enjoys a test of faith. [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] I don't...?... He takes his...?...

« E-19 † Now. Then I can see as He said, "Now, thrust out into the deep, or launch out into the deep, and let down for the draught." Now, He was educating that man, so that he would know just how to... After while, he had a great trial, remember, many of them. But he had to be educated.

« E-20 † Now, maybe you have to be educated. Maybe that's why the sickness is on you, that God has to educate you to a place that He is, and a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Maybe that's what your faith is give to you. That's why the sickness come upon you, to test your faith. Then you can walk out here in Phoenix, or--or So he said... Peter said, "Lord, we've toiled all night long." We seined through these waters, in other words. "We've fished and fished, and we haven't even got one fish."

Here it is, get it. "**NEVERTHELESS, AT THY WORD, LORD, I will let down the net.**" See? "I know we've done everything humanly. All... We're... **Our knowledge, our ability, we're at the end. BUT AT THY WORD, Lord, I will let down the net.**"

« E-21 † Now, look. You probably been to doctor's. You had a operation. You've tried everything. You might been through prayer lines before. But "**AT THY WORD, Lord, tonight I'm going to let down the net. I'm coming tonight to let the net down. I'm going...**"

Well, you say... "**There's no fish there.**"

"You seined through, Peter. You kn--you know you seined through all night, and there's no fish there."

If God said, "Let down the net," He will put fish there. See?

And I believe tonight, if the doctor says you can't be well, and the Word of God says you can be well, God can put anything... He can put new cells; He can put new eyes, eardrums, whatever it is, He can put it there. Don't you believe it?

IN THE MASTER'S HANDS

50-0714 AT.THY.WORD_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN FRIDAY_

« E-29 † I can just see him moving up, just a little closer all the time. And the crowds got great. I can hear Him get into the boat, thrust out a little from the bank. And He borrowed a ship from Simon. After He got through speaking, He said to Simon, "**Now, you launch out into the deep and let down for the draught.**"

JESUS NEVER BORROWS NOTHING FROM YOU, BUT WHAT HE WILL PAY YOU BACK A HUNDREDFOLD. Is that right? Whatever He... **Let Him have your faith tonight.**

The little boy come by one time with some fishes in his hand. There's five thousand people standing there, or more. Now, the little boy had five fishes. It wasn't very much in **his hands**. But oh, my, when it was put into the **Master's hands**, what it could do. It fed five thousand in the **Master's hands**.

And what little you have tonight, just give it into the **hands of the Master**. **Then launch out into the deep and let down.**

PETTY THINGS

54-0513 THE.MARK.OF.THE.BEAST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-3 THURSDAY_

« 161 † This United States will come to a time that church and state will unite together.

And Protestant and Catholic will throw their things together to fight communist.

And it's exactly playing in the hands of what God said right here. And you Protestants laying yonder ...;

a fussing at one another about little old PETTY THINGS that don't matter that much. [Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] **You ought to be on your knees somewhere, if you know what eternity meant.**

54-1003M THE.WORD.BECAME.FLESH.INDIA.TRIP.REPORT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-5 SUNDAY_

« 251 † God, let every man and woman, this morning, that has this hope in them, **purify themselves from** the things of the world. **And these little PETTY THINGS things that would drag them down, and keep them miserable, LET THEM BE HAPPY** Christians serving Thee. Grant these things, Father, through Jesus' Name, Thy Son. Amen.

55-0724 ENTICING.SPIRITS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN DE 79-112 SUNDAY_

« 148 † With our heads bowed just a moment, I wonder if there's someone here this morning would say, "**Brother Branham, I'm sick and tired of these little old things. I got PETTY THINGS that's hung on me so long; I--I'm always talking out of turn. My... I'm doing things I shouldn't do, and I know it's not becoming to a Christian. I don't want to do that. God knows I don't, and I don't want to listen to THAT OLD SPIRIT any more. It's the thing that's kept me down all my life from having real love and freedom in Christ. I want you to pray for me, Brother Branham, that they'll--it'll leave me this day.**" Will you raise your hand? Every head is bowed. God bless you, oh, my, dozens of hands. **Little old PETTY THINGS.** Little old things that makes you talk, or start some kind of little fussing in the church, make you take sides with something or other like that. Oh, that's ungodly. That's discord among brethren. And don't do that. You don't want that. You don't want that.