

THE HIGHEST REWARD OF GENEROSITY

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

LUKE 5:1-12

1. VERSE 3: ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR NEED FOR GOD

I can imagine what Peter's attitude was when Jesus asked and came into His boat. Could be:

- Jesus got in the boat without asking; tired of God doing things in my life without my permission.
- I'm so tired from fishing and catching nothing; please do not bother me.
- I must do it; otherwise, people will think I am a bad person who does not respect Jesus.
- After getting into the boat, you are asking me to push you more.
- The teaching is good, but I am still worried about my fish, my life, and my family.

2. VERSE 2: YOU ARE CHOSEN

- Maybe feeling forgotten, overwhelmed, or ignored. FEAR NOT, you are CHOSEN!

3. VERSE 11: THE COST IS EVERYTHING

4. VERSE 8: THE EVIDENCE IS REPENTANCE, CLEAR CONSCIENCE AND HUMILITY

LUKE 5:10

- Confirmed in **MATTHEW 28:18-19**

God can reward you 1 for 1, money for money, favor for favor, but He does MORE.

EPHESIANS 3:16-20

- Peter gave Jesus a boat, obeyed and followed Him = **Fishers of men.**
- Abraham gave Isaac, obeyed and followed Him = **Father of many nations**
- Esther gave food to the king, obeyed and gave her life = **Savior of her people.**
- Joseph gave his dreams, obeyed and endured affliction = **Preserver of Generations.**

The result of your generosity is that YOU BECOME MORE LIKE GOD.

- He unlocks an attribute of Himself in you.
- The greatest reward is to have the mind and nature of God.
- Our generosity is not so we can amass natural things (that will happen), but there is a greater reward.
- A greater level of faith (confidence and certainty) and assurance (love) that is ignited in you when you are generous.

REMINDER FROM LAST SERMON:

- COVENANT GIVING BEGINS FIRST WITH GIVING WHAT IS REQUIRED
- COVENANT GIVING REQUIRES GIVING TO GOD FIRST
- COVENANT GIVING is not in the QUANTITY but in the WHOLENESS

ACTS 4:13

PRAYER: Lord, make me as generous as you.