

## Am I Really Saved Week 4

Luke 5:2–11

<sup>2</sup>and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Title: What do I owe you?

### Who likes free stuff?

Throw stuff out.

#### A lot of times, free things aren't always free?

- Free Starbucks drinks: You gotta spend a bunch of money
- Free stuff at the fair: Just sign your life away. It is yours.
- We give away free stuff: Win shoes you need the Luck of JESUS to win. You gotta come to service.
- To catch the free gift, you need to have some sort of athletic ability.

**To get the free thing, there is catch, there is still some thing that is needed from you.**

**In the story I read you, we find that these disciples had the incredible opportunity to follow the greatest man to walk this earth. He freely called them, but it was going to cost them something. Following him is free, but living for him will cost you.**

Salvation you have is Free and a gift, but living for JESUS will cost you something.

And many times as followers as JESUS or new born believers or church goers, we sometimes forget this.

Today: I want to talk about...

### What does my salvation cost me?

he fell down at Jesus knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup>

He knew he was a sinful man. He knew he had to repent of his sins. He knew to follow Jesus he had to deal with his flesh.

## **1. It will cost you your fleshly desires.**

**Romans 8:13** ESV / 217 helpful votes

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

This is one a lot of Christians do not like talking about. They enjoy the grace of God, but they rather not be obedient to his Word.

**As a follower of Jesus, there has to be desire to follow Him more than our own desires.**

**We must have self control to not act on the things we desire to do.**

**It will be a battle, a battle to not give into the temptation of....**

- Going to that party
- Going to far with that girl or guy.
- Not taking those drugs.
- Choosing to follow the identity God gave you rather than the one culture is trying to give you.
- It will constantly be a battle. But as followers, we signed up for this battle and the fight is worth it.

**We must have self control and not follow our feelings.**

### **Sermon Pause**

**Question: what is one thing you might have to give up to follow Jesus?**

Story Continues

<sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, <sup>12</sup>they left everything and followed him.

## **2. It will cost you your plans.**

**Luke 14:33** ESV / 34 helpful votes

So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

What would this Generation look like if at a young age all of us said, God what do you want for my life?

**What do you want me to do?**

Many times, we try to fit God into our plans.

- I want to be rich, and I follow God.
- I want to be an influencer, and I follow God.
- I want to be an athlete, and I follow God.

- I want to do business, and I follow God.

When the difference should be.

- I follow God and he told me to be a business owner.
- I follow God and he helped become wealthy.
- I follow God and he gave me a platform to reach other people.
- I follow God and he told me to pursue athletics.

So many of us would be so much more fulfilled if we knew what God had for our lives and followed that. Rather than our plans.

PERSONAL STORY: God called me to be a Pastor.

Conclusion

What will our faith cost us?

Our desires

Our Plans

The disciples: It cost them more than they thought.

PETER

crucified upside down

JAMES

King Herod had him killed by the sword in Jerusalem

JOHN

Only one of natural death

ANDREW

Turkey and Greece where he was martyred.

PHILIP

had Philip brutally put to death.

NATHANIEL

tradition agrees that he was martyred for his faith.

MATTHEW/LEVI

others say he was stabbed to death in Africa.

THOMAS

Thomas died by stabbing at the hands of four soldiers.

JAMES

Stoned and then clubbed to death.

SIMON THE ZELOT

The majority view seems to be that Simon was sawn in half in Persia.

PHILIP

martyred for his faith in Jesus in the town of Hierapolis.

JUDAS THADEUS

He was said to have been killed with arrows in Turkey's mountainous northern region.

MATTHIAS

He was martyred for his faith although the method of his death is unclear.

PAUL

Paul was beheaded in Rome in 66 AD, possibly at the same time as Peter.

Good for us to truly evaluate what it cost others to follow Jesus. And reevaluate our lives and how much we need to give up for Him.

- **It Jesus is our savior and we claim Christ it might be time to look at our lives and see what desires we need to give up for him and what plans we need to give up to him.**
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- **I think it's ok to say no to that party and drugs.**
- **I think you will be ok to tell your team about Jesus even if they might make fun of you.**
- **I think it's time to stop trying to get so many followers on instagram and start being a light on social media.**
- **I think you will be alright if you say no to dating that guy or girl.**

Can we be a people who don't forget the cost the disciples had to pay to follow Jesus and be willing to follow in their example.

What do I owe you Jesus?