

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

Launch Out

Luke 5:1-11

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A Step of _____.

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One day as Jesus was *preaching* on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the *word of God*. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the *fishermen* had left them and were washing their nets. (Luke 5:1-2, NLT)

You will never _____ it until _____ it; and you will never _____ Jesus until you _____ Jesus.

A Step of _____.

Stepping into one of the boats, *Jesus asked Simon*, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and *taught* the crowds from there. (Luke 5:3, NLT)

With Jesus in your boat, you can go _____.

A Step of _____.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is *deeper*, and let down your nets to catch some fish." (Luke 5:4, NLT)

The depths of *abundance* are not found in the shallows of *restraint*?

"*Master*," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But *if you say so*, I'll let the nets down again." And *this time* their nets were so *full of fish* they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. (Luke 5:5-7, NLT)

Abundance is found only on the other side of _____.

A Step of _____.

When Simon Peter *realized* what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, *Lord*, please leave me—I'm such a *sinful* man." For he was *awestruck* by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also *amazed*. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be *fishing for people*!" (Luke 5:9-10, NLT)

Until you finally and fully see who _____ are, you cannot finally and fully see who _____ is or who you _____.

A Step of... _____.

And as soon as they landed, they *left everything* and *followed* Jesus. (Luke 5:11, NLT)

Your decision to _____ is what determines how _____ Jesus is to you and how _____ life can be for you.

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A Step of **Consideration**.

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A Step of **incorporation**.

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A Step of **Realization**.

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A Step of... **Reorientation**.

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Your decision to **launch out** is what determines how **real** Jesus is to you and how **abundant** life can be for you.