

**Aveleigh' Year of the Bible**

**Mother's Day May 13, 2018**

**Text: Luke 5:3-10 p. 1104 & Mat.14:24-30 p. 1052**

**Sermon: JESUS GIVES FAITH**

Call to worship

LEADER: We gather together to worship

PEOPLE: our loving, nurturing God,

LEADER: who, like a mother,

PEOPLE: knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go,

LEADER: and comforts us in times of need.

PEOPLE: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.

Prayer of confession

Faithful God, persistent friend, you weave so many wonderful people into our lives: fathers and mothers, children and youth, friends and neighbors, teachers and preachers. Yet do we stop to acknowledge them as blessings from God? Do we say a word of thanks or whisper a prayer of gratitude? Have we told our appreciation, written a word of encouragement, sung their praises?

Faithful God, forgive us for taking anyone for granted. Give us eyes to see the miracles around us. Give us hearts that know you care for each and every one. Give us voices to sing our thanks. Amen.

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*INTRO: And I suppose that if all the other events in Jesus' life were written, the whole world could hardly contain the books! John 21:25 (TLB)*

## **1. JESUS GETS INTO YOUR BOAT**

- **INTEREST**- PETER lets Jesus take him fishing

*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. 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 5:3-4 (NLT)

- **REVELATION** -Peter gets a huge catch of fish

*"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)*

- **FEAR**- Peter recognizes who he is.

*When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you." For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. Luke 5:8-9 (NLT)*

*Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"*

Luke 5:10b (NLT)

- **FAITH**- Peter follows Jesus

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

## 2. JESUS GETS YOU OUT OF YOUR BOAT

*Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"* Matthew 14:24-26 (NLT)

- **FAITH TO GET OUT OF YOUR ROUTINE.** *But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat . . .* Matthew 14:27-29 (NLT)
- **FAITH TO STEP ON TO THE WATER.** . . . *and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink.* Matthew 14:29-30 (NLT)
- **FAITH TO CRY OUT TO GOD WHEN YOU ARE SINKING.** *"Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.* Matthew 14:30-33 (NLT)

**PRAYER:** Lord, I want to live a life of faith. So give me the faith to get you into my boat, to trust you for life, for forgiveness. Then Jesus give me the faith to get out of my boat. To get out of my comfort zone and trust you. Give me the faith to step out on the waves. Instead of getting caught up in the circumstances, to look for what you want to do next in my life. Give me the faith to cry out when I'm sinking. To know that even then you will immediately reach out your hand. You'll never give up on me. I cry out to you right now. Jesus, we thank you that you are faithful, that you are trustworthy. So we come to you and ask you to help us to learn to live a life of faith. We ask it in your name, Jesus. Amen.

### **FOUR FOR THE ROAD:**

1. What storms did the Disciples face?
2. What got them through those storms?
3. How do you face a physical, emotional, moral, or spiritual storm?
4. How could you assist others when they are in their stormy time

