

Theme: Only those who fall in humility before the Savior are fit for His service. And for those called to His service – there is no turning back.

Background & Introduction:

Chapter 4 – Jesus revealed as the Holy One of God, the Messiah

Chapter 5 – The demonstration of His power continues

I. The Master’s Command - “At Your Word”

A. Who’s “in charge”

1. Jesus takes over the boat

a. To teach

- hearing without responding is *very dangerous*
Matthew 11:23-24

b. *To fish!*

- Not Peter’s boat that Jesus is after – it’s his life!!

2. Giving Orders

B. Obedience, if not “excitement”

1. Peter’s Reluctance

- Peter is the fisherman, not Jesus
- Living by sight – not by faith

2. “At your word” – he obeyed

- Peter is moving toward trusting Jesus *IN ALL THINGS*

C. A Miraculous Catch!

II. Peter’s First Confession

A. Recognizing the power of God

- A lesson that speaks to Peter

NOTE: If you see God for who He really is – you will see yourself for who you really are!

B. Recognizing our unworthiness

1. Doubt and pride??-

2. Falling down before Jesus

- In the presence of the *Holy One of God!!*

C. A holy fear

1. "I am a sinful man"
- Job 42:5,6; Isaiah 6:5
2. "Depart from me"
- Peter thought he must be driven away.
- The nearer we are to the savior – more we see our sin.

III. The Great Commissioning

A. The pre-requisites

1. Humility
2. A *righteous* fear
- Do not be afraid?

B. Catching men!

1. Fishing for men
- A major career change!
2. "Fishing" as a metaphor for evangelism
3. The miracle as a type of parable

IV. A Demanding Commitment

A. From now on – no delay!

1. Following on whose terms?
2. Leaving all behind.

B. A great harvest waiting!

- Let God do whatever He pleases with our witness – but let us be faithful witnesses!!

C. Obedience – repentance – witness

- The marks of a true disciple!