

# “COMING TO TERMS WITH YOUR CALLING”

*(John 21:1-17, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-8)*

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*Gospel of John - Sermon 40*

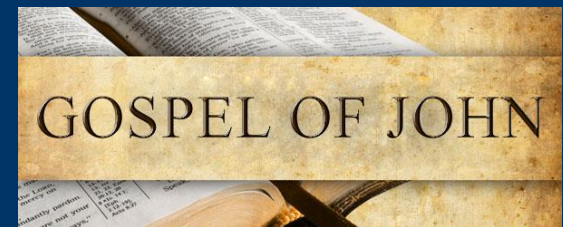
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# INTRODUCTION

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*Mark 1:17-18* Jesus called out to them, **"Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"** And they left their nets at once and followed him.

# I. THE DISCIPLES WITHOUT JESUS



**Jn 21:1** *Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. <sup>2</sup> Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.*

# I. THE DISCIPLES WITHOUT JESUS



*Jn 21:3 Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing."*

*"We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.*



# II. JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES

## A. *The Manifestation.*



*Jn 21:4* At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. <sup>5</sup> He called out, "**Fellows, have you caught any fish?**" "No," they replied.

<sup>6</sup> Then he said, "**Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!**" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

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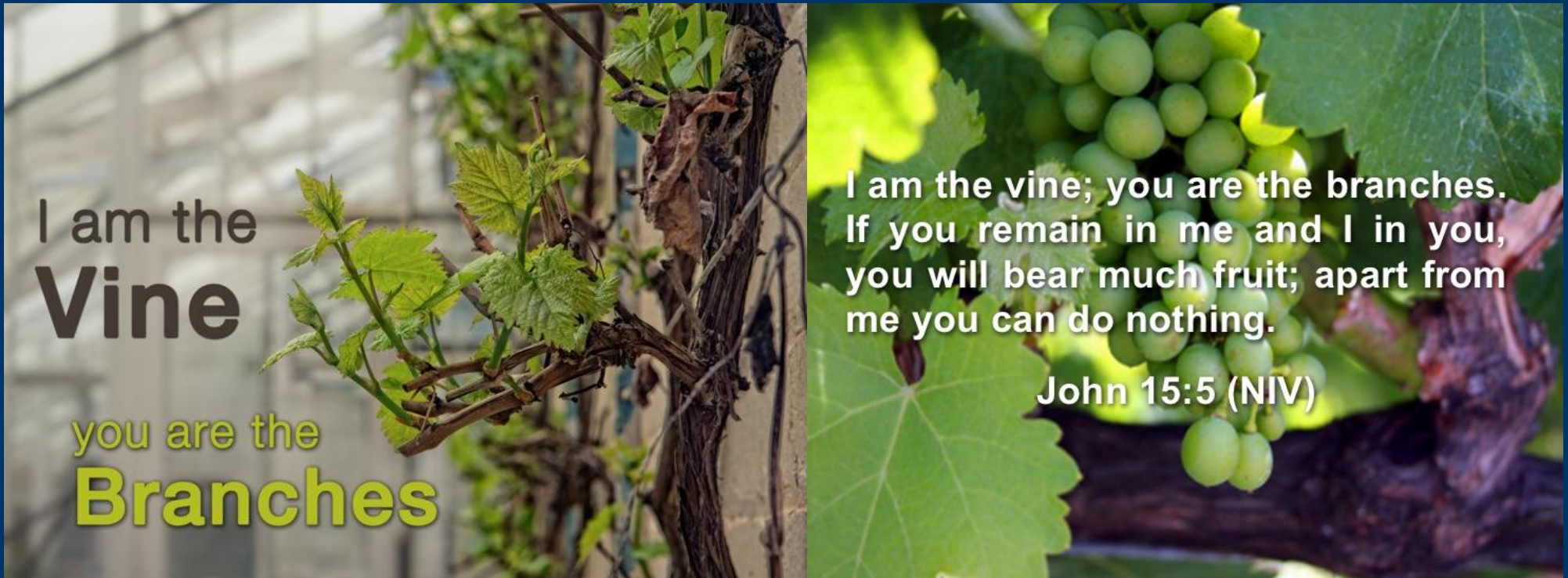
*Luke 5:4* When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **"Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."**

*Luke 5:5* Simon answered, **"Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."**



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I am the  
**Vine**

you are the  
**Branches**

I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit; apart from  
me you can do nothing.

John 15:5 (NIV)



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**Luke 5:6** *When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.*

**<sup>8</sup>** *When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"*



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**Jn 21:7** *Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.*

**Jn 21:8** *The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.*



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### *B. The Invitation.*

*Jn 21:9* When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, **"Bring some of the fish you have just caught."**

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*Jn 21:12* Jesus said to them, "**Come and have breakfast.**" None of the disciples dared ask him, "**Who are you?**" They knew it was the Lord.



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### C. *The Conversation.*

*Jn 21:13* Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14** This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.



# III. JESUS AND SIMON PETER

## A. 1<sup>st</sup> Question

*Jn 21:15* When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "**Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?**"



*"Yes, Lord,"* he said, *"you know that I love you."*

Jesus said, "**Feed my lambs.**"

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## B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Question

*Jn 20:16* Again Jesus said, **"Simon son of John, do you love me?"**

He answered, **"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."**

Jesus said, **"Take care of my sheep."**





# III. JESUS AND SIMON PETER

## C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Question

*Jn 20:17* The third time he said to him,  
**"Simon son of John, do you love me?"**

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him  
the third time, **"Do you love me?"**

He said, **"Lord, you know all things;  
you know that I love you."**

Jesus said, **"Feed my sheep."**



# III. JESUS AND SIMON PETER

## Coming to Terms with Your Calling

*Your vocation is special, and your calling is sacred, regardless of whether you wear a clerical collar or a blue collar.*



*God wants you to come to terms with your calling and use your job to further His kingdom.*

# CONCLUSION:

*Let's take a minute to evaluate our priorities:*



Exactly where does Jesus Christ fit in your Monday through Saturday lifestyle?

What would be your answer if Jesus will to ask you, "Do you love me more than these?"

# CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some causes and reasons for us to want to get away from our present situation?*
- 2. Is there moments in our lives that we have been laboring for years and found no satisfaction and lasting results? Why and what are the reasons?*
- 3. Why God doesn't intervene when we are trying so hard to get things going on our own?*
- 4. The saying, "God is never too early or too late." How does this apply in your life?*
- 5. When was the last time you have had an intimate conversation with Jesus? How does it help you?*

*Scripture References:*

*John 20:11-31 & Habakkuk 8:17-18*

