**Let Down Your Nets**

Luke 5:1-11

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**Luke 5:5 (ESV)**And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets.”

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**Luke 5:9 (ESV)**For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,

**Luke 5:10 (ESV)**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.”

**Luke 5:11 (ESV)**And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

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**Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)**Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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