

A brick wall background with text overlaid. The bricks are in shades of red, brown, and tan, with some darker spots. The text is in a bold, white, serif font.

**LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP
IN ORDER TO
ARISE AND BUILD**

LUKE 5:1-11

Luke 5:1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him **to hear the word of God**, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

10 And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

I. LAUNCH OUT TO SATISFY THE BURDEN

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A. The Pressing Need, 5:1

Luke 5:1 And it came to pass, that, as **the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God**, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

B. The Problem of Normalcy, 5:2

Luke 5:2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but **the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.**

C. The Practicality of Necessity, 5:3

1. The Personal Inconvenience, 5:3a “And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land...”

2. The Purpose of Instruction, 5:3b “...And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.”

II. LAUNCH OUT TO SECURE A BLESSING

Luke 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **Launch out into the deep**, and **let down your nets** for a draught.

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A. The Opportunity for an Unknown Blessing, 5:4

1. Requiring a change – “...Launch out into the deep...”

2. Receiving a command – “...let down your **nets...**”

3. Relying on a capacity – “...for a draught.”

B. The Opinion of an Unabashed Blowhard, 5:5

Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word **I will let down the net.**

C. The Obstacle of Unseen Bounty, 5:6

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Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

III. LAUNCH OUT TO SUPPLY A BOUNTY

Luke 5:7 And they **beckoned unto *their* partners**, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And **they came, and filled both the ships**, so that they began to sink.

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A. Uniting in Purpose – v. 7a “...they beckoned unto *their partners...*”

B. Uniting in Progress – v. 7b “And **they came, and filled both the ships...**”

C. Uniting in Partnership – vs. 9-11

1. The Astonishment – v. 9 “For **he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes...**”

2. The Assignment – v. 10 “...Fear not; from henceforth **thou shalt catch men.**”

3. The Attachment – v. 11 “...they **forsook all, and followed him.**”

Rom. 11:33 **O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!** how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Conclusion

Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, **according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 That Christ may dwell **in your hearts by faith;** that ye, **being rooted and grounded in love,**

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And **to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge,** that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now **unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,** according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him **be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,** world without end. Amen.