

The Heart Of Jesus Is A Heart For The Lost!
The Heart Of Jesus, Pt.1

Luke 5:1–32
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Acts 1:7, He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky?...”

If We Have The Heart Of Jesus:

1. We Will FISH FOR PEOPLE.

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.” ⁵Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So 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. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰... Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.

2. Why Do We FISH?

• **We Fish To Restore Relationships With The CHURCH.**

Luke 5:12, While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged Him, “Lord, if you are willing, You can make me clean.” ¹³Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” He said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

• **We Fish To Restore Relationships With GOD.**

Luke 5:17, One day Jesus was teaching... ¹⁸Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. ²⁰When Jesus saw their faith, He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” ²¹The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²²Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?”

3. Who Are The FISH?

Luke 5:27, After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, ²⁸and Levi got up, left everything and followed Him. ²⁹Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the teachers

of the law who belonged to their sect complained to His disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”³¹ Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Four Keys To Good Fishing:

- 1. Your Net Has To Be In The WATER.**
- 2. You Don't Have To Be Perfect To FISH.**
- 3. If You're Not Catching Any Fish, Put Your Net In The Water SOMEWHERE ELSE.**
- 4. Don't Judge Other People's Fishing HABITS.**

Matthew 5:16, *Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

Romans 1:16, *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

Putting The Message Into Practice:

- 1.** Begin your fishing story this week: where and who are your fish?
- 2.** Write down the name(s) of people you know who need salvation.
- 3.** Consider every interaction an opportunity to witness/fish.
- 4.** Be willing to fish on the other side of the boat and don't judge other people's fishing habits. If they are fishing, they are doing the right thing!