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Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

**Matthew 11:29** (Amplified Bible)

## **Come Follow after Me - As Disciples**

**A disciple is a wholehearted follower of Christ.**

Committed, diligent, trustworthy, earnest, sincere, submitted, growing, learning, accepting discipline and correction from the LORD. Obedient, and loving the LORD with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength - with everything we've got!

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15. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and he in God.
16. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**1 John 4:15-16**

17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
18. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
19. that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
20. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

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“My people are you ready? Are you ready to recognise that it is Me and to discern what I am saying to you. And if I am asking you to do something different are you ready to be obedient to that? For you are living in the days when the haul of fish will be almost beyond what you are capable of hauling in. But if you listen to My voice, if you’re obedient to Me the catch will indeed be great. Be knitted together, as the net is knotted together, you must be knitted together so that you are able to contain, to nurture and to disciple those that I will make swim into that net. But be ready, be listening, be ready to be doing something different, ready to be persevering because indeed the harvest is plentiful.”

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The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

**2 Peter 3:9** (Amplified Bible)

## **Are we ...**

- ready and expecting God to do something different?
- ready and obedient to do what is asked of us?
- ready by being knitted together, made, mended, maintained, and fit for purpose.

4. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
5. Jesus said to them, Children, do you have any fish? They answered Him, No.
6. He said to them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some. So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

**John 21:4-6**

7. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, It is the Lord! When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.
8. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.
9. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

**John 21:7-9**

10. Jesus said to them, Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.
11. So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

**John 21:10-11**

## **Making the Net:**

13. For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.
14. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

**Psalm 139:13-14**

## **Mending the Net:**

Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for He has torn us, that He may  
heal us; He has struck us down,  
and He will bind us up.

**Hosea 6:1**

Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure God's grace (His unmerited favour and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancour, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it.

**Hebrews 12:15** (Amplified Bible)

## **Maintaining the Net:**

- 26.** So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word,
- 27.** That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless].

**Ephesians 5:26-27** (Amplified Bible)

## **Casting the Net:**

The saying is sure and true and worthy of full and universal acceptance, that Christ Jesus (the Messiah) came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.

**1Timothy 1:15**

## **Some helpful points:**

- Kindness is vital.
- Honesty and respect are vital.
- Ordinary conversations matter most.



**David's Five Questions that could be used in conversations:**

1. Do you have any kind of spiritual belief?
2. To you, who is Jesus?
3. Do you believe there is a Heaven and a hell?
4. If you died right now, where would you go?
5. If what you believe were not true, would you want to know it?

- You can only share what you know.
- Two Ears & One Mouth - use them in that ratio.
- Fishing requires patience and perseverance.

## **The Catch:**

But grow in grace (undeserved favour, spiritual strength) and recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

**2 Peter 3:18 (Amplified Bible)**

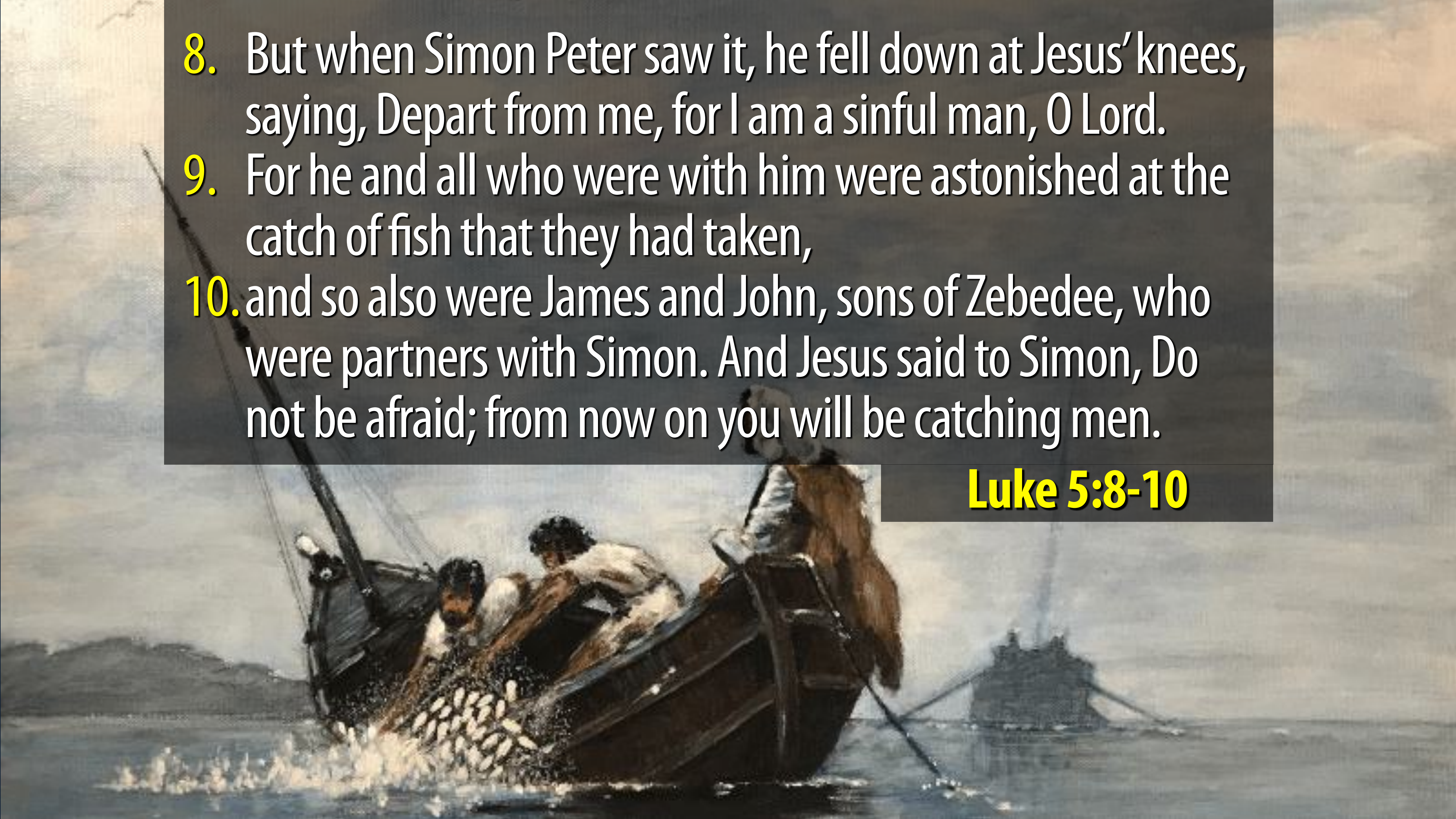
4. And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.
5. And Simon answered, Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets.
6. And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.
7. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

**Luke 5:4-7**



8. But 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 and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,
10. 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 5:8-10**



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**John 21:5-6 & 11**

47. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet which was cast into the sea and gathered in fish of every sort.
48. When it was full, men dragged it up on the beach, and sat down and sorted out the good fish into baskets, but the worthless ones they threw away.
49. So it will be at the close and consummation of the age. The angels will go forth and separate the wicked from the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God)

**Matthew 13:47-49 (Amplified Bible)**

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