

Sermon Notes:

Message:

In Need of You Part 2 Hand Picked

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"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through <u>Jesus</u> Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." <u>Ephesians 1:4-5</u> (NLT)

Every person wants these three things—more than anything else: to be loved, to be accepted, and to be chosen. – R. Warren

The Good News is you have loved, accepted and Chosen by Christ.

Text Reference:

Luke 5: 1-3 KJV

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%205%3A1-3&version=KJV

- **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.

The Push of Ministry

Luke 5:1

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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,

Ministry comes with pressure.

Ministry comes with weight.

Ministry comes with heaviness.

Load Balancing

Exodus 17: 11-12

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus%2017&version=KJV

- **11** And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.
- **12** But Moses **hands were heavy**; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Hand Picked

Luke 5:2-3 KJV

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- **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.

Jesus had options. (Two Boats)

To be chosen By God. Is a divine honor.

To be chosen is a gift from God.

To be asked of God for service.

This Brings to light. That God needs us.

And more specifically. God needs You!

You didn't choose God. He has chosen you.

Ephesians 1:4 AMP

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%201%3A4&version=A

Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

John 15:16 ESV

https://biblehub.com/john/15-16.htm

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

God Handpicked:

Abraham

Moses

They Answered the call

You must answer the call of God.

Pick up the phone and answer God.

God calls are:

The Call of Salvation

Don't harden your heart the day you hear my voice. Who so ever will. Let him come.

The Call of Service

The lord has need of you.

Push for Ministry

Put your hand to something

Luke 5:3

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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.

The Boat Represented: The giving of Time, Talent, and resources. Which are needed.

However an old recruiting slogan.

"Uncle Sam wants You"

God wants you!

The trusting out. The pushing requires your hands. Physical. Effort.

That comes from involvement.

To have Skin and in the game.

God is calling people to apply themselves.

To push for ministry. Get physical.

Put your hand to the plow.

A Plows requires the use of hands.

Cruise Control Christianity. Simulation Saint.

Cruise control Christianity won't get the job done.

Church movement.

Church growth. Requires enlistment.

The Church. Can't move forward when people sit at home. Watching.

Don't be a simulation Saint. Experiencing Christianity by watching. Get in the game.

Or get back in the game.

Hands!!!

Bodies!!!

Assembly is Required. Don't forsake.

Luke 9:16 KJV

https://biblehub.com/luke/9-16.htm

Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and **gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.**

John 11: 39, 41_KJV_

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2011%3A39-46&version=KJV

39 Jesus said, **Take ye away the stone.** Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

⁴⁴ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith **unto them**, Loose him, and let him go.

The Smell of Ministry

Relationship can smell. Relationship involves vulnerability. You can't avoid the dynamics that are involved with the participating ministry involvement.

It's necessary.

You been hurt in ministry. When you help push ministry.

Note: Your experience is not greater than principle. Your experience was an event. Not a principle. Principles we live by (they don't change...) Experiences we go through (they vary)

1 plus 1 is still 2. Even if your last experience helping in ministry didn't add up.

"God has given each of us unique and formidable gifts. Let us use them for the betterment of his kingdom. Let us pray for God to guide us in our service to all, so that through us all may see the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose love for us led him to serve."

Vincent Rodrigue

Push for You (unlocking the supernatural)

Next Time You Push

Luke 5: 4-6

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%205%3A1-3&version=KJV

- **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.

How to unlock the Supernatural in Your Life. Push out Again.

Push. Apply yourself. Put your hands on something. Answer the call.

Then Try again. Push out further.

When you have pushed for ministry.

Then God will be in your push, for yourself.

If you push out the Work of God.

God will Push what you are trying to advance.

Your projects. Your plans.

Note: Jesus showed up. Following a disappointment. After failure. After defeat.

After a lost.

After Your skill. Your attempts. We're not able to yield. Success.

The fishermen were gone out of them.

Psalm 35:27 KJV

https://www.bible.com/bible/compare/PSA.35.27

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: Yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Push to Reproduce

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 ESV

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5+&version=ESV

- 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[c] 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.

Reconcile: to make things compatible or consistent with each other.

Luke 14:23

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2014%3A23&version=ESV

23 And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.

Compel: to get or bring about by force (PUSH)