

# Developing the Faith to Fish

- A. It takes faith to fish!
- B. How much more so when “fishing for people.” It is faith that is developed.
- C. Is anything hindering the development of your faith? Fear? Selfishness? Weariness? Skepticism?

## I. **Luke 5: When Peter’s Faith to Fish Began to Truly Develop**

- A. Peter already knew that Jesus was extraordinary (*John 1:35-42; Luke 4:31-41*).
- B. But *surely* Peter was profoundly underqualified to follow Jesus. All he knew how to do was fish!
- C. Then, on one occasion, everything changed (*Luke 5:1-11*).

## II. **Three Things to Remember as We Develop the Faith to Fish**

### A. **Jesus is perfectly aware of our \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1. Having done his human best at the thing he was best at, Peter’s nets were empty.
- 2. Why was this the best time for Jesus to issue his call for these men to become disciples?
  - a. Peter needed his pride, unbelief, and weaknesses exposed.
  - b. Peter needed to see himself as one who, apart from Jesus, could do nothing (*John 15:5*).
  - c. Peter needed to know who rules the fish and fills the nets.
- 3. *Then* he would be able to fish in faith!

### B. **Jesus isn’t asking us to do something we are \_\_\_\_\_ of doing.**

- 1. Jesus didn’t ask Peter to create fish, fill the Sea of Galilee, or use a miraculous net.
- 2. Jesus isn’t asking us to provide the sacrifice for sins, devise a plan for redemption, or fuel the power of salvation.
- 3. In *Luke 5:5*, Peter was willing simply to do what Jesus said and that made all the difference.

### C. **At the right time, in the right way, for the right purpose, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the fish.**

- 1. In *Luke 5:8*, it’s clear that Peter realized who had filled the nets.
  - a. It wasn’t Peter’s expertise, experience, work-ethic or profound faith that produced the catch.
  - b. The realization produced reverent fear and a willingness to follow (*John 6:66-69*).
- 2. Jesus is Lord! Our Lord loves lost people and he earnestly desires to develop faith within us to fish (*Luke 5:27-32; 10:1-2; 15:1-7; 19:1-10; John 20:21; Matt 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16*).