Deep Water Faith  
Sermon Outline

A. The Call to Faith (vs. 1-7):

1. Jesus once and for all decided to reach out to Peter, James and John (John 6:44).
2. The crowds were constantly pushing against Christ.
3. They not only heard Christ they had a heart to do what He was teaching them.
   
   a) Christ focus was to shape the will of the people by seeking to influence their understanding of the scriptures.
4. Christ intelligently shared with them His inwards thoughts and feelings.
5. Christ carefully inspected the two boats and purposefully picked Peter’s boat (Small boat, an open craft some twenty to thirty feet in length).
6. Even though the crowds Christ needed a follower.
7. Small boat, an open craft some twenty to thirty feet in length.
8. Christ knew exactly whose boat He wanted to get into.
9. After fishing all night these fishermen needed to repair their nets and get all the trash out of it. This is something they would keep doing every time they go fishing.
11. The people had a heart to obey so Christ took the time to shape their will.
12. Listening with a heart to obey is not enough.
13. When Jesus was completely done is when He repeatedly gave Peter direction to get out on the lake. Jesus insisted on Peter going back out on the lake because He knew it made no sense to a fisherman.
   
   a) There were a lot of people listening and were willing to learn but not everyone would commit to discipleship. Some of these people listened because Christ spoke with authority. Others listened because of the miracle turning water to wine. Not all listed with a heart for complete surrender.
   
   b) Obedience under Christ authority is the first step to faith. It requires the renewing of the mind (Romans 12:2).

   • Obedience to Christ is not based on what is convenient.
   • Obedience is His timing not ours.

14. Jesus commands Peter to obey Him because He knew what He was saying made no sense to a fisherman.
   
   a) Night was considered the best time for fishing, and Peter may be suggesting that, when experts, fishing at the right time, had caught nothing, it was useless to try at the request of a Carpenter. If that is the way of it, Peter’s willingness to act on Jesus’ suggestion shows a
realization that His word was not to be ignored on any subject. Peter might not agree but he could obey.

15. Peter respectfully told Christ that he was in no mood to go back out fishing. He told Christ that he was exhausted. Peter not only fished all night, they caught nothing and he had just cleaned his nets and then listened to Christ teach all morning.
16. It is not based on how we feel or what our circumstances dictate, obedience demands trust.
17. They first time they let down their nets, on the wrong side of the lake, the caught a full load of fish.
18. The nets were breaking and will continue to break.
19. Trusting in Christ brings God like results.
20. When we trust in Christ there is no way we can sustain what He provides. We will now need Him more than ever. They were in the deep while sinking.

B. Faith Leads to Worship (vs. 8-9):

1. In a moments time Peter came to a complete divine understanding of who Christ really is.
2. Understanding Christ for who He is led Peter to hit his knees against the ground (an act of falling down) reverencing Christ.
   a) Peter commanded Christ to leave Him because the realization of who Christ is lead to a true understanding of His holiness. This led Peter to acknowledge his sinfulness. Peter immediately knew who he was when He came to an understanding of who Christ is.
3. Peter views himself as in a state of sinfulness that is absolutely his sin.
4. The person Peter once called Master (vs. 5) is now Lord.
5. Peter views Christ as the one who has all authority and power and truly desires to have a genuine relationship with those who listen to Him.

C. Faith Leads to Discipleship (vs. 10-11; Philippians 3:2-8):

1. When Peter came to the realization of who Christ was terrified.
2. When we understand who Christ is we develop a more accurate view of ourselves.
3. Christ spoke after Peter had come to his senses.
4. The call to discipleship can only take place when true worship has occurred.
5. Christ reached out to Peter to calm him down because Peter was terrified.
6. Because Peter had come to a complete respect for who Christ is only know can Christ change his purpose in life.
7. Peter now had a new purpose that will continuously denominate his life.
8. Christ response caused Peter to understand he has been forgiven and restored. Christ forgiveness and restoration caused Peter to only desire one thing that was to be with Christ.
9. Peter was now willing to obey Christ with complete surrender.
10. Peter was committed to go in whatever direction Christ leads him.
11. Peter was willing to grow in his faith so that he experiences a sincere friendship with Christ (John 15:1-17).

a) The individual calling to follow Jesus involved abiding fellowship with Him, not only for the sake of learning as a scholar from his teacher, but also for the sake of the salvation known or looked for which presented itself in this fellowship. Thus following Jesus denotes a fellowship of faith as well as a fellowship of life, sharing in His sufferings not inwardly, but outwardly if necessary. To follow or accompany someone who takes the lead in determining direction and route of movement.