

We will now begin the fifth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /At this time we will begin with Luke chapter 5. /Verses 1-11. /Jesus allowed the disciples to catch fish. /Jesus came to them.

/In verses 1-3, /the “Lake of Gennesaret” is the Sea of Galilee. /Jesus came to Peter and John, who were catching fish in the Sea of Galilee. /The Lord always come to us, /is always with us, /always protects us, /always teaches us, /and always leads us.

/In verse 1, /many people came /and wanted to hear Jesus /and surrounded him. /At that moment, Jesus got into Simon’s boat, /asked him to put out a little from shore, /and taught the people from the boat /about the gospel. /The Lord went to these people /and taught God’s Word.

/In verses 4-5, /Jesus told Simon to go into deep water and let down the nets. /In verse 4, /the Lord spoke to Simon /after He finished teaching. /The Lord told him to go into deep water and let down the nets.

/The Lord spoke personally to Simon. /He taught all the others, /but He personally spoke to Simon Peter. /“Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

/Then in verse 5, /Simon Peter said, /“Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” /They had fished all night /but didn’t catch any fish.

/It was morning at this time. /Because fish swim to shallow waters in the morning to find food, /there were not many fish in the deep waters. /Therefore, /when Jesus told Peter to go into the deep waters, /Jesus’ command did not meet the principles of fishing /nor agree with Peter’s experience in fishing at night.

/However, Peter /relied on Jesus’ words and said that he would let down the nets. /Peter obeyed. /Unconditional obedience is true faith. /Believing only when it agrees with one’s experiences or knowledge /is not real faith.

/Depending on God’s Word /and just saying we believe is blind faith. /This is not true faith. /Therefore, we must believe in God’s Word /and believe that God will work as he said /with his might.

/In verses 6-7, /the result of Peter’s obedience /was a large number of fish that was hard to hold with their nets. /Peter relied on Jesus’ words /and when he put down the nets, /he caught many fish. /God allows those who obey the Lord’s commands /to surely succeed.

/There was such a large number of fish /that they signaled their partners in other boats /to help them. /Thus, they came and they filled two boats /so full that they began to sink. /We must throw away our greed, /share the grace we received with others, /and learn to work together with others.

/We must ask for help when we need help, /and we must help those who ask us for help. /
The most important thing in this event /is that Jesus came to the disciples. /Also, when
the Lord spoke to them, /the disciples obeyed.

/We too need faith like this. /Today, when the Lord comes to us /and speaks to us, /when
we obey /God's great works will take place. /We will see this happen. /In verses 8-10,
/Peter finds Jesus.

/Read verse 8. /When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away
from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

/When Peter fell at Jesus' feet, /he did not thank Him for allowing him to earn a lot of
money. /Peter fell at Jesus' knees and said, /"Go away from me, Lord; /I am a sinful
man!"

/Just a little while ago, /the men caught a large number of fish that filled two boats, /and
this was God's work. /Peter realized that Jesus was God who /controlled even the fish in
the sea.

/Peter realized that Jesus is in control over everything, /He is the sovereign God, /and He
is God's Son. /Here, when Peter said /"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man," /this
means that Peter discovered himself.

/This means that /Peter discovered Jesus /and he discovered himself. /This was done
according to Jesus' purpose. /Jesus had a purpose in telling Peter to go throw the nets into
deep waters.

/This was so that Peter would recognize the incompetence of man. /This was also so that
Peter would recognize God's power. /Through this, Peter got to know that God is in
control over even the fish in the sea.

/Jesus took hold of Simon /and told him to catch fish in the deep waters /so that Peter
could be used as fishers of men. /When Peter said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a
sinful man," /this was done according to Jesus' purpose. /Jesus caught hold of Simon.
/Because Peter was caught by Jesus, /Peter now became a fisher of men. /In verse 11,
Peter left everything and followed Jesus.

/Verse 11. /So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

/Verse 11 says, "So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed
him." /Peter, whom Jesus caught, /left his boat and nets and everything, /and followed
Jesus to be fishers of men.

/Whoever discovers Jesus, /is caught by Jesus /and follows Jesus /will be used for
important things. /That is why such believers must leave everything /and risk their lives
to follow the Lord.

/When we are caught by Jesus, /leave everything /and follow Jesus, /obey God's Word in fear, /and preach the gospel, we can lead others to God.

/In verses 12-26, /Jesus heals a sick man. /In verses 12-26, the Lord heals a man with leprosy.

/Verses 12-13. /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." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

/A man with leprosy /came to Jesus and fell before Him and spoke. /"Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." /The leper spoke and begged Jesus to heal him. /Jesus reached out his hand and said, /"I am willing. Be clean!" /Then the leprosy left the man.

/Leprosy symbolizes sin that rots the spirit of man. /When one is diagnosed with leprosy, /the body continuously rots /and one eventually loses his life. /When the leper went before Jesus and begged him, /it showed that he was very humble.

/The leper believed in the Lord's absolute power /and believed that if Jesus was willing, He would make him clean. /Thus, Jesus healed the leper /with His power. /This means that Jesus will heal all the peoples /who rot as a result of their sins. /Jesus taught this truth /and healed the leper to teach this truth.

/In verse 14, /Jesus ordered the leper not to tell anyone. /This means that we must not brag after we receive grace. /We must not be careless. /This also means that we must do our best in our duties and responsibilities /as the Bible teaches us.

/In Leviticus 14:2-13, /Moses gave orders for offerings. /The people were to give offerings. /There are duties that people must carry out before God /once they believe in Jesus /and receive forgiveness of sins. /When we are cleansed of our sins like the leper, /we must live upright according to God's will /and give ourselves as an offering before God.

/In verse 15, /news about Jesus spread /and many people came to hear Him /and to be healed of their sicknesses.

/In verse 16, /Jesus did not come to heal sicknesses /but to preach the gospel. /Many people came to Jesus to be healed, /but Jesus withdrew and went to solitary places to pray.

/It was most important to Jesus /to pray in solitary places, /and it was also the most important time. /We must pray in solitary places /so that we could overcome temptations /and go forward in faith. /Next, Jesus healed a paralytic. /This is in verses 17-

26.

/Verse 17. /One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick.

/The place that Jesus healed the paralytic /is Capernaum near Jesus' house, /according to Matthew or Mar. /Jesus had the power /to heal sicknesses. Therefore, Jesus healed many sicknesses.

/Jesus stayed in a house /and there were so many people there /that people could not enter the house. /Thus, some men went up to the roof /and lowered the paralytic on the mat down to Jesus.

/Jesus saw their faith and said, /"Friend, your sins are forgiven." /"Their faith" /is the faith of the paralytic /and of the four men who carried him. /They believed that Jesus was Christ, /and believed that they would be saved if they went to Jesus.

/They went on the roof /and made a hole, /and then they lowered the paralytic down into the house, /and this is faith that overcomes obstacles. /Jesus said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." /Jesus is God's Son /and He accomplishes redemption by His blood, /and thus, He has the power to forgive sins.

/The paralytic believed that Jesus was Christ /and overcame obstacles, /and he went before Jesus believing that /he would receive rewards. /The paralytic had faith, /and hence, Jesus forgave him of his sins and gave him new life.

/However, in verse 21, /the Pharisees and teachers of the law /did not believe that Jesus was Christ /and they did not know that Jesus had the authority to forgive sins. /When they heard Jesus say, "your sins are forgiven," /they thought that Jesus was presumptuous.

/Verses 22-23. /Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"

/Jesus asked, /"Which is easier: /to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' /or to say, 'Get up and walk?'" /If we look at this from a physical /and oral point of view, /saying, "Get up and walk" is more difficult.

/However, it is easy to say, /"Your sins are forgiven," /because no one can see with his eyes /whether that person was forgiven of his sins or not. /If someone said, "Get up and walk," /but the person could not get up and walk, /it would be very awkward. /Therefore, it was difficult to say this.

/However, from a fundamental view, /"Your sins are forgiven" is more difficult to say. /To get up and walk is the result of forgiveness of sins. /People become sick because of

their sins, /and therefore, to get up and walk is the result of forgiveness of sins.

/Forgiveness of sins is fundamental /and to get up and walk is the result of the forgiveness. /Then what is easier? /Ultimately, /it is harder to receive forgiveness of sins. /It is easier to say /“Get up and walk.”

/Verse 24. /But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

/Jesus said, “take your mat.” /If the man was healed of his sickness and kept his mat, /he would be worried that he would one day lie in the mat again. /Believers of Jesus /must clean and arrange /the atmosphere and mood of when they were sick in their hearts.

/We must cut off what needs to be cut off. /We must throw away what needs to be thrown away. /Also, /Jesus told the man to take his mat /so that it would be proof that he was healed. /The man was to be thankful always /as he remembered the days he couldn’t walk when he was a sick man. /Jesus also told the man to take his mat /so that he would glorify God in his life.

/Verses 25-26. /Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

/The paralytic believed in Jesus’ words, /and he obeyed and praised God. /All the people /saw and were amazed /and gave praises to God, /and they were filled with awe. /In verses 27-32, /Jesus calls Levi.

/Verse 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,

/Jesus called Levi. /In Matthew 9:9, /Levi is called Matthew. /Levi was his name before he believed in Jesus. /After Levi believed in Jesus, he was called Matthew. /Levi at the time was a tax collector in the town.

/Therefore, he had a job where he could earn a lot of money. /However, when Jesus said, “Follow me,” /Levi left his job /and followed Jesus and became Jesus’ disciple. /It is great faith to /leave everything behind /and immediately follow Jesus.

/Verse 29. /Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.

/Matthew was so happy that he was called, /and he held a great banquet for Jesus at his house. /He called many of his friends. /Most of Matthew’s friends were probably tax collectors. /Matthew repented, /and Jesus ate at his house /because Jesus was happy that Matthew followed Him.

/Verse 30. /But 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'?"

/The Pharisees asked Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" /and slandered them. /At the time, tax collectors /were treated like sinners like prostitutes.

/Thus, /the Pharisees slandered Jesus, /saying that Jesus spoke of God's truth /and yet, ate and drank with sinners. /Then, Jesus spoke.

/Read verses 31-32. /Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

/Doctors heal the sick. /Therefore, /the healthy /do not need doctors. /Just as the sick need doctors, /sinners need Jesus.

/This is because Jesus came to save sinners. /Not matter how great our sins are, /when we believe in Jesus and go before Him, /He will forgive all our sins and save us. /In verses 33-35, /Jesus spoke about fasting and the bridegroom.

/Verse 33. /They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking."

/In verse 33, it seems that John the Baptist's disciples often fasted. /In the Old Testament times, the Israelites chose seasons to fast in. /In Zechariah 8:19, /the people fasted four times every year. /The fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months.

/However, Jesus' disciples did not fast, /and in Matthew 9:14, /John's disciples asked Jesus why His disciples did not fast. /Jesus answered in the following way.

/Read verses 34-35. /Jesus answered, "Can you make the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast."

/The bridegroom refers to Jesus. /The guests of the bridegroom refer to those who believe in Jesus. /The time when the bridegroom will be taken from them /is the time when Jesus will be taken from His believers. /Fasting often /hypocritically is not acceptable before God.

/The purpose of fasting /is to deny oneself /and let one's voice be delivered up to God. /This is written in Isaiah 58:3-5. /Therefore, /ignoring these purposes /and fasting because others fast /in each season is wrong.

/When Jesus's disciples were with Jesus the bridegroom, /they were to be joyful with the bridegroom /and have fellowship with Him, /and they did not need to fast /because they lived in the world of new life. /However, they would fast and seek Jesus again /when the

bridegroom Jesus would be taken from them. /Then, Jesus spoke about wine and old wineskins. /Verses 36-39.

/Read verses 36-38. /He told them this parable: "No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins.

/Jesus gave two examples /in His reply about fasting. /He said that no one tears a patch from a new garment /and sews it on an old one. /If so, /the patch from the new garment will tear the old garment.

/Also, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. /If new wine is poured into old wineskins, /the skins will expand /and the new wine will burst the skins, and the wineskins will be ruined. /The wine will be thrown out as well.

/The "old garment" and the "old wineskins" /refer to hypocritical activities and ritualism. /Romans 7:6 says, "we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code." /Therefore, hypocrisy and ritualism are the "old way."

/The "new garment" and "new wine" /is the movement of new life that was established by the truth and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. /Thus, this is a spiritual movement /that gives spiritual life to believers. /Therefore, the spiritual works that give life are new /and they must not be poured into the old way of ritualism.

/If new wine is poured into old wineskins, /both will be ruined. /The church must work to save spirits. /If the church goes forward in secularism, humanism, and ritualism, /the movement of spirit will not take place /nor will there be a movement of the world. /Therefore, it is important to save souls.

/Verse 39. /And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, "The old is better."

/Those who are drunk in ritualism /do not want the new movement of life. /The reason is, /once they fall to secularism, ritualism, /and desires for honor and glory, /they will walk down that road /because it is physically good. /However, the road of the spirit is physically the road of the cross.

/Here we will conclude the fifth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Thank you.