

Luke 5:1-11 The First Disciples

Yeshua's life was a model for man on how to live as a Kingdom citizen in the world kingdom. Yeshua's Ministry, according to the Master Plan of the Creator, accomplished several goals:

- Yeshua's life fulfilled the Genesis prophecy.
- Yeshua was/is the Lamb of God that took away the sins of the world.
- Yeshua was/is The Savior.
- Yeshua was/is The Prophet spoken of by Moses.
- Yeshua was/is The Messiah.
- Yeshua was/is a Healer.
- Yeshua was/is a Deliverer.

Yeshua's Ministry was the model for those who would come after Him as He would reveal in His Instructions to His Disciples before He ascended.

The model of Ministry Yeshua established is the Discipleship Model as demonstrated in the calling of His first Disciples.

Many are not interested in being disciples, they are only interested in being saved and going to heaven when they die.

Yeshua's Ministry, focus, and the teaching of His Disciples were much more robust and fulfilling than dying and going to heaven.

Lk 5:1 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,

Lk 5:2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.

Lk 5:3 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 calling of the Disciples occurred over a period of time after Yeshua began His public Ministry. In the previous Chapters, after Yeshua was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, His teachings on the Sabbath days, and the healings and miracles in Capernaum, Yeshua began to recruit His hand-picked Disciples from among many disciples.

Casting out demons, cleansing the lepers, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, making the lame to walk, raising the dead, etc., were all the works of God/YeHoVaH. When Yeshua's earthly Ministry was established, He did the works of God/YeHoVaH so that men would believe in the Most High.

The rabbis and teachers of the law believed and taught that disease, maladies of the body and the mind, demon possession, oppression and sickness were punishments by YeHoVaH for sinful living and that only YeHoVaH could forgive sin.

The rabbis had developed the principle that "There is no death without sin, and there is no suffering without iniquity." They were even capable of thinking that a child could sin in the womb or that its soul might have sinned in a pre-existent state. They also held that terrible punishments came on certain people because of the sin of their parents.

This rabbis' doctrine was based on Exodus 20:5.

Ex 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children** unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

Deliverance ministries' doctrine, based on this passage, created what they call generational curses; that the children's issues are based on the sins of the father.

John wrote:

Jn 9:1 And as *Yeshua* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

Jn 9:2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jn 9:3 *Yeshua* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

Jn 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Jn 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Yeshua's teaching was different and with authority and power as stated by those who witnessed Him teaching and casting out the unclean spirits in the previous Chapter.

Lk 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word *is* this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

A quick look ahead in Luke reveals that *Yeshua* had many disciples, but only twelve were chosen to follow Him.

Lk 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Lk 6:13 And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them **he chose twelve**, whom also he named apostles;

Lk 6:14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

Lk 6:15 Matthew and Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes,

Lk 6:16 And Judas *the brother* of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

Yeshua chose Disciples to follow Him to teach them how to do the works of God/*YeHoVaH* as He was doing.

Yeshua's mission and purpose was revealed as He stated in the closing verses of Luke 4.

Lk 4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Messiah the Son of God. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Messiah.

Lk 4:42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

Lk 4:43 And he said unto them, **I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.**

Lk 4:44 And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

Yeshua could have done all the casting demons out of people, healing, miracles, and teaching, but when His life was over so would His Ministry be over. Instead, He chose Disciples and Apostles to follow Him and learn so that they could do the works He did, and greater works would they do also after He went back to YeHoVaH.

Yeshua teaches Simon/Peter a lesson on following His Instructions.

Lk 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

Draught – **61 ἄγρα** agra {ag'-rah}

Meaning: 1) a catching, hunting 2) that which is taken in hunting, the booty, prey 2a) of birds or beasts, game 2b) of fish, a draught or haul

Usage: AV - draught 2; 2

Yeshua's Instructions may not be reasonable or rational to us sometimes based on our own wisdom and experiences.

Lk 5:5 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.

Peter's obedience to Yeshua's Word produced immediate results.

Sometimes, even when it may not make sense to us, it is important to do what the Word tells us to do. **If we don't do what the Word says to do, we will not see the results of the Word's Instruction.**

Lk 5:6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

Lk 5:7 And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

Their partners were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, as mentioned in verse 10.

Lk 5:8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Yeshua' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

When Simon saw the results, he felt unworthy to be in the presence of Yeshua Ha Mashiach/The Messiah. But notice Peter's response: "Depart from me for I am a sinful man O Lord."

Peter's response was the wrong response, but the typical response of a sinful person who may not be ready to make the necessary changes in their life to become a better person.

Lk 5:9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

Yeshua's response to Peter however was an affirming response! He informed Peter that he would from now on catch men which became an invitation to follow Him.

Lk 5:10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Yeshua said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

Lk 5:11 And when they had brought their ships to land, **they forsook all**, and followed him.

Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their fishing business and followed Yeshua.

Mark wrote about a rich man who would not separate from his possessions to follow Yeshua. Afterwards, hearing Yeshua's words to the rich man, Peter stated:

Mk 10:28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

Mk 10:29 And Yeshua answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

Mk 10:30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Mk 10:31 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last first.

Mk 10:32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Yeshua went before them: ...

The people of the world around us are focused on being happy, money, wealth, vacationing, traveling, seeing the world, and the accumulation of things.

Many church leaders, prophets, and prosperity teachers are teaching principles of love and happiness, self-worth, marriage, family, being good church members and citizens of the world, all of which are fine, but Yeshua trained His Disciples, followers, and Apostles to do the work He did.

That doesn't mean we can't do the other stuff previously mentioned. What it means is that we must put first things first as Yeshua said.

Mt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Mt 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Mt 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Mt 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Mt 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Mt 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Mt 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

Mt 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Mt 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mt 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof