P.M.Sermon for July 10, 1955 - Luke 5: 5-6

The Blessedness of Obedience
(Scripture - Luke 5:1-11)

L) "Toilers of the Sea" -who have ~~fish~~ all night and taken nothg -isn't that a the way we somet.feel? ~~pretty discouraged~~ ~~lives with us~~? Don't we ourselves ~~with~~ those fishermen on t.Sea of Gal. ~~toiling~~ ~~awhile~~ with nothg to show for it -and it's dark and t.winds are contr.

2) Then J.appears - ~~just when~~ ~~I need Him, as the hymn~~ sa Jesus is here....
And he gives direct-s - oh we cd call them commands -but they are lovg dir-s f. our benefit...
He tells us to proceed dif. "Let down yr nets...."

3) Peter's answer - "Master"- t.need of being mast.by some-thg or some one -and He is incomp.t.best Master ----
But it isn't eno.to call Him Master as, some do - cf.Lincoln in court - cow's legs.....
Call g Jesus Master doesn't mk Him master....
It's only in doing what He says do. "Why call ye me..."

Note

4) Faith tho no feeling - "we have told all..not c." Cf.people who say "Don't feel like bec-g a Xh; or dont feel like going to ch.or to work for Christ -don't feel like ahythg wd come if they did thus & so. NEVERTHELESS AT THY WORD.... OBEDIENCE..what faith is

5) The results - "grt mult." THEY HAD T.FEEELING THEN...

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6) Those aboard the ship called t.church - not much res-s fr.our efforts -t.realizat. that we haven't taken our orders from Jesus - giv-g Him chg.... Wil.to let it be "Whatsoev. He saith unto you... Faith's "nevertheless" -cf. "I have no faith in what you say; but...." & reply.. bap., soul winng,

7) Specific direct-s (illegible, forgiv.,ch.att., tithing...

8) Blessings and blessedness - Even if they had not caught any fish, still satisfac.in c....obed.(cf.in tithing and ch.att.etc.)

8) "The night is far spent, t.day ...is at hand...."when J.is gvn chg.

9) Yr sit., whatever it may be -if J.on bd and be and employed - "He is able to do exc.abund.. "If ye, being evil....gd thgs. "Whatsoev. he saith unto you....

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1) Learng to play t.mandolin -EADG
Now I wish I cd mk up a mem.sch that wd enable us to remember the four wds that repr.what we have dealt with in four rec.sermons -bec.these sermons have dealt with four thgs of grt imp.-3 thgs that enetr into the grt step of becoming a Xn -rep., faith, and cinfes.-And now to-ni., the one wd that describes wha it means to be a Xn after you hv become one - to-night our sub.is obedience.

A grt Xn once said "as t.life of a fol.of Christ goes on, more and more it is seen to consist in obed.-"Whatso.he saith ..."

To-ni.one of the many incid-s in NT where we see the bles. res-s wh.come fr.obeying one whom we call our master.
To call Him our Master doesn't mean that He is our master.
Linc.& t.cow's tail arg....
CALLG HIM MASTER DOESN'T MEAN THAT HE IS OUR MASTER *YOU REM HOW HE SAID ONE DAY "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and.....
And again He said "Not ev. one that saith unto me,Ld..
And at t.end of t.serm. on t.mt He said "Whosoev. heareth these sayings....

2) A boat in the text. Or ship (Heb)

Well, one day af.using t.boat of some of his disc-s for a pulpit He sug.that they go out thr fishing. And he gave them some sugg-s or directions abt the matter -they were to go out where t.water was deep and all of them to let down their nets.

The reply of S.Peter - (TXT) "Master, we have toiled all night, and have taken nothg -nevertheless at thy word I will let down t.net. And when they had this done, they incl. a grt mult.of fishes....

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3) Under the tree. Lit. Toilers of Sea.

Well, what does that mean to us?

a) Ttoilers of the sea, it might suggest -laborg thru t.night and taking nothg... Does your life seem at times to be that? Well, a new day may down with J.in chg.and His love direct-s fol.

b) But esp.this- t.ship as a symbol of t.church -and we as fishers of men - and if we do what Jesus says in t. mos.ahead - "launch out into t.deep," take some risks and try for big thgs -and if we all let down our nets we may expect a haul.

4) In front - S+W door. Time shift like a ca.

5) On. like wd "EXACT."

The object les.there of exact obed.-Suppose they had clung to t.shore, or suppose only some had gone out to t. deep.....no.right to exp.res-

c) Cf.other inst-s of direct-s that had to be fol.to t.letter -

a) Naaman -to dip 7 times.. Cf.remakk of Moody

b) Directiosn to t.servts at t. weddg -"Fill the water pots with water" -suppose only half full...

c) God's plan for ea.life- "See thou make all thgs.."

Some special dir-s to us in t. Xn life -obedience

a) Baptism -t.first step... An act of obed.

b) Ch.att.-He went as his.... a serious thg to disobey Jesus there -cf.ch.at Jerus.-"All w.one acc.in one place"(some say that proves not a Bap.ch.... Well, it proves that we are not obey-g the will..)

c) Tithing - etc."These ought y to have done.....

Faith without feeling -cf.peo. waiting for feeling to come "We have toiled all night... nevertheless at thy wd..." AND THEN GREAT RESULTS AND THEN T.FEELING...

T.purp.of the exper.-to be an object-lesson of t.grt res-s which cd be expected in t. wk of t.kgdom when they obeyed the Master's command -when they showed He was

Master by doing what He said.
Cf. day of Pentecost -5,000
...How t.rem.of that must hv
comf.Peter et al.in prison.
What John saw in his vision-
"Ten thousand times ten thou-
sand....In sparklg raiment..
The armies of t.ransomed s-s
Throng up t.steeps of light
(No.396 -Episc.Hymnal)

11) P.B All of us as a church and as
individ-s.... our need of cour-
age based on faith -and
obed. to X even if it means obed.to the command -Launch
whatever it out into t.deep...."
may cost "IF ONLY SOMEFURIOUS GUST OR
in SOME SLOW MIGHTY TIDE WD
His com-s COME AND BREAK T.ROPES WH.
to unself BIND THEM TO THE WOODEN WHARVES
service OF THEIR SELFISH INT*S AND
SWEEP THEM CLEAN OUT TO SEA.
The soul that toys and trifles
with self-sacrif.can neither
ach its true joy nor power.
Only the soul that gives itself
up forever to the life of oth-s
can know the joy delight and
peace wh.sur.gives."

12) On "blessedness" in Luke
The blessedness of obed.-not
just the blessing - that is
good but this is better and
best. Obed brgs blessgs in
var.ways, too num.to enum.here-
but t.blessedness of obed.is some
thg inner.The disc-s wd hv had
it if they had taken nothg...
What Paul means when he speaks o
all joy and peace in belvg..What
Christ had when He sd "Fa., I hv.

Glor.Thee
on t.earth
-I hv fin.
t.wk.wh.."