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18-0228 - At Thy Word - Aaron Roberts

LUKE 5:1-11

- * 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,
- » **2** † And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.
- » **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.
- » **4** † Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.
- » **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.
- And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.
- » **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.
- **8** † When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
- » 9 † For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:
- » **10** † And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.
- » 11 † And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

1) 57-0104 SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS_ CLEVELAND.TN FRIDAY_

« **E-46** † Now watch, just for couple quotations. That was Jesus yesterday. If He's the same today, He'll have to be the same. That was His ministry yesterday.

Let's follow Him from Saint John. Here comes Peter up. His name was Simon. Here a big, old, burly looking fisherman, big greasy fishing apron on him, come down, set down there on the side of the-of the log or something, listen at Him preach. When he come up to Jesus, He said, "Pete, your name is Simon. Your father's name is Jonas." How'd He know that? "Your name is Simon. Your father's name is Jonas, but I'm going to give you another name: call you 'little stone,' from now on; Peter."

I can imagine Peter say, "Well, Lord, here I am."

2) 62-0711 HEAR.YE.HIM_ SPOKANE.WA WEDNESDAY_

« E-39 † And here God was going to do something great, because He was bringing forth Peter, James, and John. Now, that's... I'd call it hope, faith, and charity, the three great gifts of God. Say, take Peter for faith, and James for hope, and John is always love, which is charity. And He takes faith, hope, and charity with Him, and He goes up to the mountain, because He's fixing to do something. He's going to make an expression, and He wants it to be confirmed. And He always confirms it with three witnesses, two or three witnesses. That was an Old Testament statement, "Two or three witnesses, let every word be established."

And He goes up to the mountain, calling these three men, three outstanding gifts of the people that was with Him, and brings them up to the mountain. And then He has three heavenly beings. Something must go to take place. He's got three of the earthly witnesses and three heavenly witnesses. There is Moses, Elijah, and Jesus transfigured, transformed. And there was Peter, James, and John; the earthly and the heavenly all meeting together now.

3) 54-0320 FAITH.COMETH.BY.HEARING_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_

« **E-27** † Now, hope will agree with the Bible. Hope will say, "It's True." Hope will say, "I believe every bit of It. I believe that that's the Word of God. And I--I--I believe that God will keep His promise." Hope believes all of that. But hope then says, "Now, I believe that God will heal, but look at my condition." Now, faith don't look at that. Faith comes around, "I don't care nothing about conditions. God said so, and it's mine." You see? **Faith's burly. As I once said, "Faith has hair on the chest. When it stands up and pulls its big muscles out, everything else vanishes away." Just takes--flies away. When faith really takes a hold, nothing else stands.**

4) 47-0412 FAITH.IS.THE.SUBSTANCE_ OAKLAND.CA SATURDAY_

« E-74 † And look at Peter when he was walking by, why, he was a mortal. He was born of sinful flesh just like I or you. That's right. But the people had need of a healer, so they sent--God sent Peter to do that specific work. John was love. Peter didn't have the love in his heart that John had. John was God's agency of love. You see?

Look here, when He taken Peter, James, and John, hope, faith, and charity... Don't you see? Those gifted people, them three, the hope, faith, and charity...

Hope was in James; he was the one who set the church in order. Faith was in Peter. And charity was in John. Hope, faith, and charity, it was God's representatives on the earth.

And the people laid in Peter's shadow and were healed. Oh, friends. Oh, my. Don't think I'm yelling at you, friends. You might think I'm excited, but I'm not. I'm trying to get my point to you close enough so you'll see what I'm talking about.

5) 65-1127B TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY

* 124 † That's what He done in the time when Peter preached at Pentecost, you know, he couldn't even sign his name, ignorant and unlearned. But God does things in such strange way to our intellectual thinking. That makes it God. If He'd got a bunch of theologians and dignitaries, and so forth, they'd said, "That smart Caiaphas, you see, he had it just right." But God went down and got fishermen that couldn't even sign their name, and that's what He took. That's God, He takes something that's nothing and makes something out of it to His Own honor. He took a chaos and made a Eden. Uh-huh, it's God.

6) 53-1103 TAKING.GOD.AT.HIS.WORD_ OWENSBORO.KY TUESDAY_

« E-4 † Now, Peter was just not an ordinary fellow had fished one or two nights. He knowed all the signs of fishing; just how the moon's supposed to be, just how the waters are. And they'd fished all night long, and had taken nothing. Now, just think, here it is, I want you to get it. See, they had fished all night, and had taken nothing; and yet Jesus told them to go right straight back to where they'd been fishing and drop down the net, they'd get a whole draught of fish.

Now, if they'd just fished through that water, a hour before, hour after hour, all night long, and had taken not even one fish, how in the world are you going to drop the net down and get a whole bunch of fishes? They're just not running. It just doesn't even look reasonable, sensible.

But Peter said, listen at him, here's what it is, "Lord, we have seined all night and taken nothing.

Nevertheless, at Thy Word, I'm going to let down the net." There you are. It's taking God at His Word, not what you feel or taste or--or what this says or that says. It's taking God at His Word. "At Thy Word, Lord, I'm going to let down the net. I don't know how they're going to be there, but If You..." If there wasn't any there and Peter let down the net with faith, believing that God would fulfill His Word, faith will put some there. And it did do it. It did do it. Fish was there.

7) 54-1207 AT.THY.WORD.LORD.I'LL.LET.DOWN.THE.NET_ JOHNSON.CITY.NY TUESDAY_

« E-36 † And they were seining this thing through there. And they were fisherman. They knowed just the kind of weather you're supposed to have and for the stars and moon and so forth. All the calendar was given to them by instinct. They knowed when fish was running and when they wasn't. And they'd seined all night through this lake and had taken nothing.

My, that's a discouraging thing, to fish all night and get nothing. And the next morning they was discouraged and setting down washing their nets. And down along the bank comes this lovely, lonely Galilean, despised and hated by the churches, yet the Prince of peace.

8) 62-0909E IN.HIS.PRESENCE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-11 N-4 SUNDAY_

- « **78** † Moses, he was a shepherd, but he was a changed man when he come into the Presence of God. He was a coward, he was running from Pharaoh, with a whole army behind him. But with a stick in his hand, he went back and took the whole nation. See? Why? He come into the Presence of God. He was a changed man, a shepherd.
- 79 Peter, a fisherman, knowed nothing about fishing... or knowed nothing about God, only thing he probably knowed was how to catch fish. But when he come in the Presence of God, and see the great Creator Who could create fish, when He told him to let down the nets for the draw. There wasn't any fish there, he just pulled his nets up. But he said, "At Thy Word, Lord. I believe that You're the Son of God, and if You let... if I let down the net, You told me to do it at Your Word, because You and Your Word are the same, I let down the net." And when he begin to pull, he said, "Depart, Lord, I'm a sinful man." See, a fisherman, after Peter met Christ he was never the same anymore. He, afterwards, was so true to God, he was given the keys to the Kingdom. Yes, sir.

9) 53-1204 AT.THY.WORD_ WEST.PALM.BEACH.FL FRIDAY_

« **E-49** † Peter said, "Lord, we've seined all night long, and haven't taken a fish," but said, "at Thy word I'll let down the net."

Now, they were fisherman. They knowed the fish calendar. They knowed how the winds was blowing. And just think, fished all night and hadn't taken a fish. And God told them, "Let down the net." in the same water--the same water they'd fished all night in, "Now, let down the net and get ready for the draught of fish that you're going to take."

Well, I say, "There's no wa... There's not fish here. We've done seined through the whole thing. We know there's no fish here."

He said, "Let down the net."

And here's the--here's the secret. Peter said, "Now, I know there's no fish in there, Lord, but at Thy word I'll let down the net." See?

10) 53-1204 AT.THY.WORD_ WEST.PALM.BEACH.FL FRIDAY_

« **E-50** † You don't know how you'll get up out of that chair, and get away from there tonight. See? You don't know how you're going to do this, and how these other diseases are going to be healed, **"But at Thy Word, Lord, I'm going to let down the net."**

"At Thy word, Lord, I'm going to rise up from here. I don't know how I'm going to do it, but at Thy Word, Lord." That's it. Take God at His Word, and God's spoken Word must--will materialize and produce just exactly what It says It will.

Listen. The right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass. I don't care what it is. If--if you plant, if you want corn, you plant corn, water corn, leave corn alone. It'll produce corn. Is that right? Wheat will produce wheat.

The promise of salvation will produce a Christian. The promise of the Holy Ghost will bring It to you. The promise of Divine healing will make you well. Any Divine promise of God... And the Bible said that the Word of God is a Seed. Is that right?

« E-51 † Jesus said that a sower sowed. And if you'll just take It in your heart and don't dig It up every day to see how it's getting along. Just sink It in your heart and settle It. That's all. Walk right on. God will take care of the rest of it. He's obligated to His Word.

Do you know that every thing that you see tonight is God's Word materialized? Do you know your body is God's Word materialized? Do you know them beans there is God's Word materialized? Do you know that concrete is God's spoken Word materialized? You know this whole earth is God spoke and said, "Let there be," and He believed His Own Word and a earth come into existence? If it didn't, where did it come from?

Well, you say, "It come off the sun." Well, who spoke the sun into existence? See? Everything is God's Word. The worlds were framed by the Word of God. The Bible said so. God just spoke it, and He believed His Own Word, and that's what it was.

« **E-52** † **Now, God has spoken His Word to us. Just believe Him and watch what happens.** Now, when He speaks something... This is His Word initially first, and any other word that's contrary to This, is not God's Word. It has to come from this Bible.

Now, this is His Word to the nations. Now, He sets after that, in the Church some apostles, prophets, gifts of healing and other manners. And if a prophet, or a seer, would speak any word, and it wasn't according to this Bible here, come in that fashion, or contrary to the Word, it's not right. But this is God's Word first. And what God speaks secondarily, that's secondarily His Word to the individual.

11) 60-0326 THE.UNCHANGEABLE.GOD_ TULSA.OK SATURDAY_

« **E-7** † I can go on record for this tonight. If any people will take the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise that God ever made and claim it for yours, He will--God will bring it to pass. If you'll take the right attitude towards it, knowing that if God said so, the promise is yours, and it's your personal property the very minute you receive It that way, then it has to come to pass.

For Jesus said, "The Word is a Seed that a sower sowed." And a seed, if it's a germitized seed and it goes into the ground, then that seed under the right conditions of the sun and moisture, will bring forth the life that's in the seed.

And so is the Word of God. If a person can take that Word and place It in their heart, and give It the right sunshine, the right temperature, not s-u-n, but S-o-n, and right temperature of faith in there, that seed and promise will live to you just like it did at the beginning to the one It was given to. Because it's God's Word, and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He cannot fail.

- 12) 64-0212 WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED.THEY.KNEW.HIM_ TULARE.CA V-22 N-10 WEDNESDAY_
- « 13 † Wouldn't you like to a-took a trip with Cleopas and them, on the road to Emmaus? I'd a-liked to a walked with them. And it's possible. I'm glad to be a living today, that I can still do the same thing, walk with Him today just the same as they did then.
- 14 The thought of it, was, how that Jesus had raised up from the dead. But the sad part of it, was, some of them who loved Him, didn't know it.
- 15 And that's certainly a picture of today. There is many people who love Him, who doesn't yet realize that He is alive. They, it's some kind of a history that they have learned in some school. It's some book of theology, some ethics, code of ethics, that they studied somewhere, and Jesus is a historical figure to them. And yet, in the history, they love Him, and don't realize that He is alive with us, walking right around with us, just as He always did. He is here just the same as--as He ever was.
- 13) 64-0312 WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED.THEY.KNEW.HIM_ BEAUMONT.TX THURSDAY_
- « 39 † Now, notice, they were talking about Him. Now they was on the road over to Emmaus, they was going to go back to their old job again. And Peter went a fishing, and some of the rest of them went with him. And Cleopas and his friend, said, "Well, we'll go over to Emmaus." That's perhaps where they lived, and about a Sabbath-day's journey, a few miles across the hill.
- 40 And this beautiful Easter morning, Jesus up from the dead! Up! His Word, God's Word, had been fulfilled. "I'll not leave My Holy One see corruption, neither will I suffer My... I will not--not leave His soul in hell, neither will I suffer My Holy One to see corruption," was the Word. Notice, David spoke it.
- **41** Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and I'll raise it up in three days." See? "The Son of man goes up to Jerusalem, be given into the hands of the Gentiles, and cruel man, be scoffed and scourged, and crucified, but on the third day He shall rise up again." He said so, that ought to have settled it.
- 42 And here these man that He told that to, that knowed the Word, walking along the road, sad about it. Can you imagine such a sight? But it certainly has repeated again. It's repeated again.
- 14) 64-0312 WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED.THEY.KNEW.HIM_ BEAUMONT.TX THURSDAY_
- « 60 † Notice then when it come to the place, after Him revealing the Word, over again, to them, and show them how Christ must do these things, and still they didn't get it. Notice the rebuke they got, them preachers, for not knowing and recognizing the fulfilled Scripture that was fulfilled before their eyes. Notice His words to them, "Fools, slow of understanding." Here was God Himself, the resurrected Messiah, walking along with them, showing them. Said, "Why, don't you understand that Christ must do these things? Don't you know that it must be this a way, and this a way, and thus and thus?"
- **61** And all day long, expounding to them the Scriptures, and still, "Is that so?" And didn't know that was Him standing right there.
- Then He looked around. After He had preached the Word, and had told them and showed them the things that was supposed to be, and still they didn't understand it. He said, "Fools, and slow of heart to understand, see, understand the a vindicated Scripture of the hour," the Scripture that pertained to Him in that day. Yet He was with the disciples, but they knew not the written Word when they seen It made manifest.
- 63 I want to let that soak, just a moment. See? See, didn't know when the... Read it out of the Scripture, that it's a promise for this day, and then watch God make it manifest, and still say, "I wonder." Same thing, see, just exactly. We're still dealing with human beings.
- « **64** † And we find out that He rebuked them, sharply. They were disciples. Because, they didn't know the Word, that, when It was made manifest before them, they didn't understand it.
- What? The same thing has happened today. But in the minds of the people... It makes you feel sorry for them, because one has got a group going this a way, and one has got one going this a way, and all they think about is making that group grow. That's the reason that Christ can't reveal Himself to the people.
- **66** Why, the Church ought to be the most... Why, it ought to be in its glorious stage now, and the power of His resurrection, great signs and wonders.
- « **67** † Instead of that, they have fooled around so much with this, till they're walking blindly into the Ecumenical Council, to take on the mark of the beast, and know it not; that's exactly, knowing His Word saying that it would do that. And they think it's real good, it's nice, makes a good offer, and so they'll do it. How can two walk together? What are you Pentecostals going to do? You're going to have to sacrifice your fundamental doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to do it. Certainly, you are. And there you are. What are you going to do when that time comes? Just foolishly walking right into it!

- **68** Some of the leaders of Pentecostal people, full-Gospel people, stand in these councils, and sit before the Vatican, and in the hierarchies, and so forth, and say, "It's the most spiritual feeling."
- A man that's that numb to the Spirit of God, that would cause such as that, no wonder He would say, "Fools, and slow of heart to understand what the Scripture said." He would speak out tonight, if He was speaking through a vessel, He would say the same thing. "Fools, and slow of heart to understand how that when the Word is made manifest right there, and then walk right into it." Same now!
- « **70** † We're too busy with our programs. Too... They were too busy, listening to Him, and doing other things. And--and so we find out, that, now we got so many different creeds, we have so many television programs.
- 71 And now we got an anti-communist move. I was listening to Life Line, the other morning, giving the documented statements of it, that--that, communism, why, you would never sweep it out. Why, they've been in here for years and years and years. All these different programs and systems, so said Life Line, even into these drives like with cerebral palsy, and stuff like that in it, in the anti-communist movement. Anti-communist movement, communists is in there inspiring it, just to find out who is who. Oh, my! I'm not interested in that.
- « 72 † I'm interested in the Coming of Jesus Christ, for a Church. Ministers ought to be busy about that, and seeing what the Scriptures promised today. I'm not looking for a taking over, of communists. I'm looking for a coming Kingdom, Jesus Christ, and the Millennium to set in. Not even (absolutely) interested in communism or none of their isms, or your religious isms, none of it! I'm interested in Jesus Christ, and Him only, get the people to see Him. He is here, proving Himself, here showing exactly what He said He would do in the last days.

Now they didn't understand it. They were too busy.

15) JOHN 21:1-17

- » **1** † ¶ After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.
- » **2** † There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.
- » **3** † Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.
- » **4** † But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.
- » 5 † Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.
- » **6** † And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.
- » **7** † Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.
- **8** † And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.
- » **9** † As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.
- » 10 † Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.
- » **11** † Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.
- **12** † Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.
- » 13 † Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.
- **> 14** † This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.
- » **15** † ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
- » **16** † He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
- » **17** † He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.