



"Launch out into the deep and
let down your nets for a catch."
Luke 5:4

Going Deeper

Shallow Water

- * Luke 5:3 - Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.
- * "Casual Christians"



Going Deeper

1. He meets them in the midst of their daily work/life
 - * Mark 12:29-30 - “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, with ALL your mind, and with ALL your strength.’”
 - * Deut. 6:14-15 - “You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you (for the Lord your God is a jealous God among you)...”

Going Deeper

2. They were emotionally and physically worn out

- * Ex: David's conflict with Amalekites (1 Sam. 30)

- * 1 Sam. 30:6 - "Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God."

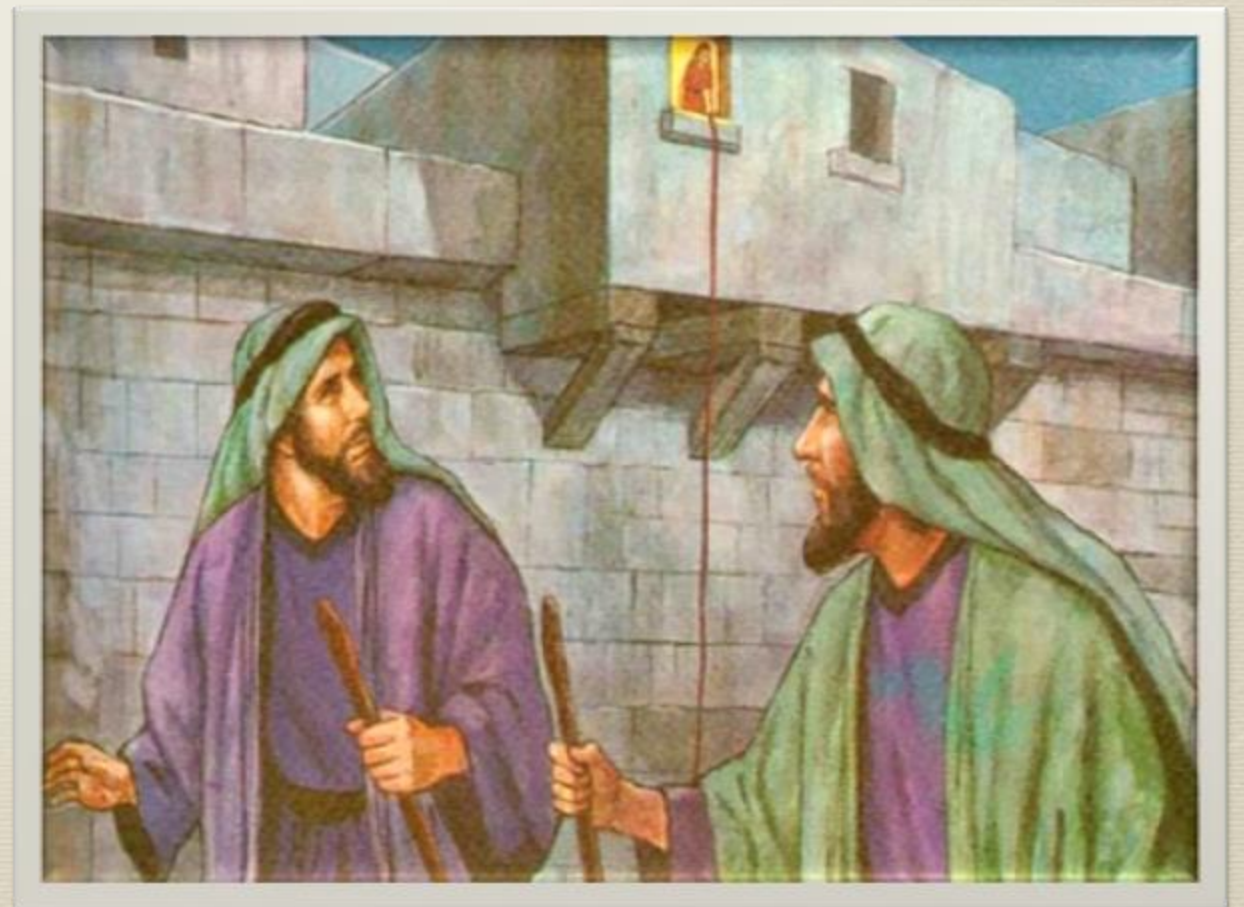
Going Deeper

3. Without some impoverishment they would not have welcomed The Lord Jesus onto their boat
- * Developing a deep relationship with Christ will certainly demand sacrifice
 - * Matt. 16:24-25 - “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

Going Deeper

4. Moving deeper may involve some risk

- * Man born blind
- * Rahab



Going Deeper

5. The invitation to go deeper occurred amidst failure
- * Experiencing failure is no hindrance to going deeper but may be the propellant



In the Deep

1. It is personal

- * Ps. 42:7 – “Deep calls unto deep...”
- * 1 Cor. 2:10-11 – “For **the Spirit** searches all things, yes, **the deep things of God**. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”
- * Ps. 65:6 – “Both the inward thought and the heart of man are **deep**. But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly they shall be wounded.”

In the Deep

2. **Disproportionate Return**
3. **All their needs were met**
4. **Confession of his unworthiness**
5. **Invited to participate in His ministry**

Summary

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