

Hour Lessons From The Life And Ministry Of Jesus
Luke 5:1-11, 12-16, 17-26

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Intro. [A.] As humans we must learn our lessons from many sources.

1. Our parents, and other kinfolk.
2. Our teachers and other professional people.
3. From life's experiences, the school of hard-knocks.

[B.] The best lessons are learned from the Bible.

1. They are fully dependable.
2. They reach into every facet of life.
3. They are eternal, they come from Him.

I. To The Weary, Jesus Says, "Try Again".

[A.] The story.

1. Jesus went to Lake Gennesaret where He entered into a ship to teach the people.
2. At the end of His teaching, being aware of their failure the night before, He challenged Simon.
3. Vs. 4. The challenge
4. Vs. 5. Simon's weariness.
5. Vs. 6+7. Their success.

Life's Lesson [B.] We often tire of working without results.

1. Fishing is unpredictable.
2. Fishing is hard work.
3. Church work is difficult.
4. We can't see all the good we do.
5. We are likely to become weary.
6. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not".

B. The lessons we can learn.

1. Life can have its terrible times.
2. The merciful God does not ask why.
3. Its never too early nor too late to trust God.
4. Miracles do not exempt us from keeping the teachings of the Bible.
5. Jesus continued to pray, so should we.

IV. To Those who would Do God's Work
Jesus says, "Show me your faith".

A. "And it came to pass on a certain day."

- Vs. 17
1. Jesus was teaching.
 2. There were many people from everywhere and of every walk of life in His audience.

B. There was a man taken with palsy.

Vs. 18a 1. Παρλυτικός = paralytic, palsied. This had completely disabled him, he could not walk.

Vs. 18b 2. There were men who brought him in a bed to Jesus.

Vs. 19 3. Their desperate act.

4. Jesus saw this as an act of faith.

Vs. 20a 5. "And when he saw their faith".

6. True faith will motivate us and sustain us to do whatever is necessary to get the work of God accomplished.

C. The palsied man's greater need.

- Vs. 20
1. Jesus knew what he needed. "Man, thy sins are forgiven thee".

D. The problem with reason without faith.

- Vs. 21a
1. "... the scribes and Pharisees began to reason".