

# Get Back In The Boat!

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## Luke 5 : 1-11 (NIV)

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

<sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night

and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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# Examples of Commitment (CORE Value)

Doing whatever the church needs, to do what it does

- mundane jobs
- washing nets
- getting hands dirty
- working behind the scenes

# Examples of Commitment (CORE Value)

Working together - we are all volunteers  
(nobody is a paid member of staff)

- boat owner
- brothers
- skipper
- crew

# Examples of Commitment (CORE Value)

## Providing mutual support and accountability

- the sea (and fishing in it) could be dangerous
- they had each other's backs

# Examples of Commitment (CORE Value)

Treating church with importance

- not as a hobby or just another club
- fishing (for fish) was their job (originally)
- fishing (for men) should be ours
- God is our boss!



# Examples of Commitment (CORE Value)

## Celebrating and using our own gifts

- each person unique
- different skills to share
- different experiences to draw upon

# Examples of Commitment (CORE Value)

Demonstrating that we matter to each other  
– it matters if people do not turn up

- boat can't sail without full crew
- needed all the help they could get to haul in nets

# Examples of Commitment (CORE Value)

Giving our time and resources (talents, money) to the work of the Kingdom

- boat for Jesus to preach from
- another boat to help land catch
- plenty of hands on deck

# Examples of Commitment (CORE Value)

Holding to the vision / values of OCF

– living lives that honour God and fulfil His calling

- thought their future was fishing
- gave up everything
- followed Jesus and His call

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