

PASSION: A Life on Fire for God
#10 – “The Day that Changes Everything”
Luke 5:1-11

Litmus Test Questions:

What are you living for? What is your life all about?

Jesus wants to move us from a life of individual self-fulfillment to a Christ-oriented significance.

What is the process God uses to wean us off ourselves and on to Himself?

- He meets us in the middle of our **DEFINITION OF LIFE!**

“He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon.” – v. 3

- He reveals the **SHALLOWNESS AND EMPTINESS** of what we are living for!

“Let down the nets for a catch.” – v. 4

- He invites us to **SOMETHING MORE!**

“Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.” – v. 10

What were Peter’s realizations that changed everything about his life?

Realization #1 – “What I am living for does not **SATISFY!**”

“When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, ‘Go away from me Lord; I am a sinful man.’”

Realization #2 – “Jesus offers me something of lasting **SIGNIFICANCE!**”

“From now on you will catch men.” – v. 10

Realization #3 – “I am willing to leave my life to live for **WHAT TRULY MATTERS!**”

“So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.” – v. 11

Are we willing to leave what we are living for in order to experience a bigger catch?

Ironic Truth: Only when we live for Christ’s purposes do we experience true fulfillment.

*“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” –
Matthew 10:39*

Key Verses for Sustaining a Passionate Life

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

³⁷Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 (NIV)

⁷Train yourself to be godly. ⁸For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Matthew 10:39 (NIV)

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