

# BEHOLD THE MAN



## BEHOLD THE MAN WHO GIVES PURPOSE.

What is your calling?

It is so tempting to find purpose in our jobs, relationships, hobbies, etc. And don't get me wrong, these are all great things! They make life fun and interesting and deep and let's be real - bills have to be paid. But when kids move out or knees give out or a virus breaks out... suddenly all these *really good* things - also seem like pretty shaky places from which to get our purpose.

Simon was a fisherman. Jesus entered and not only breathed excitement into his job (their boat almost sank from all the fish!) but called him to a deeper purpose than fishing could ever provide.

*"From now on, you'll be catching men."*

Chances are, this week has been crazy for you. Maybe your job is up in the air or your kids are suddenly homeschooled - life has shifted this week for everyone.

Have peace knowing your purpose is to reflect and follow Jesus. No matter what wild things life throws at us, reflect and follow.

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **Luke 5:1-11**

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon [Peter], "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

## **1 Peter 2:9**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

# QUESTIONS.

- 1.) What about Jesus do you think compelled Simon, James, and John to leave *everything* to follow Him?
- 2.) When people lean into their God-given purpose, transformation is bound to happen. Do you sense any differences between Simon [Peter] in the first section of Scripture and the [Simon] Peter writing 1 Peter 2:9?
- 3.) What are some ways you can reflect Jesus right now?
- 4.) How can we specifically pray for you this week?

## TAKE TEN:

- How did you see God work in your life this week?
- What has God been teaching you in His Word?
- What kind of conversations are you having with your pre-Christian friends?
- What good can you do around here? (in your life/circumstance)
- How can we help you in prayer and what do you want us to ask you about next week?

## **Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?