



LUKE:
THE LIFE AND STORIES
OF JESUS

SERMON TEXT: 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, “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.

Luke 5:6-11 ESV

Answering the Call: Treasure, Trust & Pursuit

Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.

N.T. Wright

Our Treasure

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Our Treasure (Time, Talent, Thoughts/Talk)

- Jesus calls us to review the things we value
- Job, Position, Title, Influence, Money
- we fight for the things we care about
 - the things we have let capture our hearts
- Renewal of our treasure for God's Kingdom
 - leaving our motives for His

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

Our Trust

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Radical obedience to Christ is not easy...

It's not comfort, not health, not wealth, and not prosperity in this world. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end, such risk finds its reward in Christ. And he is more than enough for us.

David Platt

Our Trust

- action is often informed by where we place our trust
- our toil amounts to nothing without the Holy Spirit
 - answering the call of Jesus with our trust
- Jesus deserves all of our trust
 - His love never fails

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.

Proverbs 14:12 ESV

Our Pursuit

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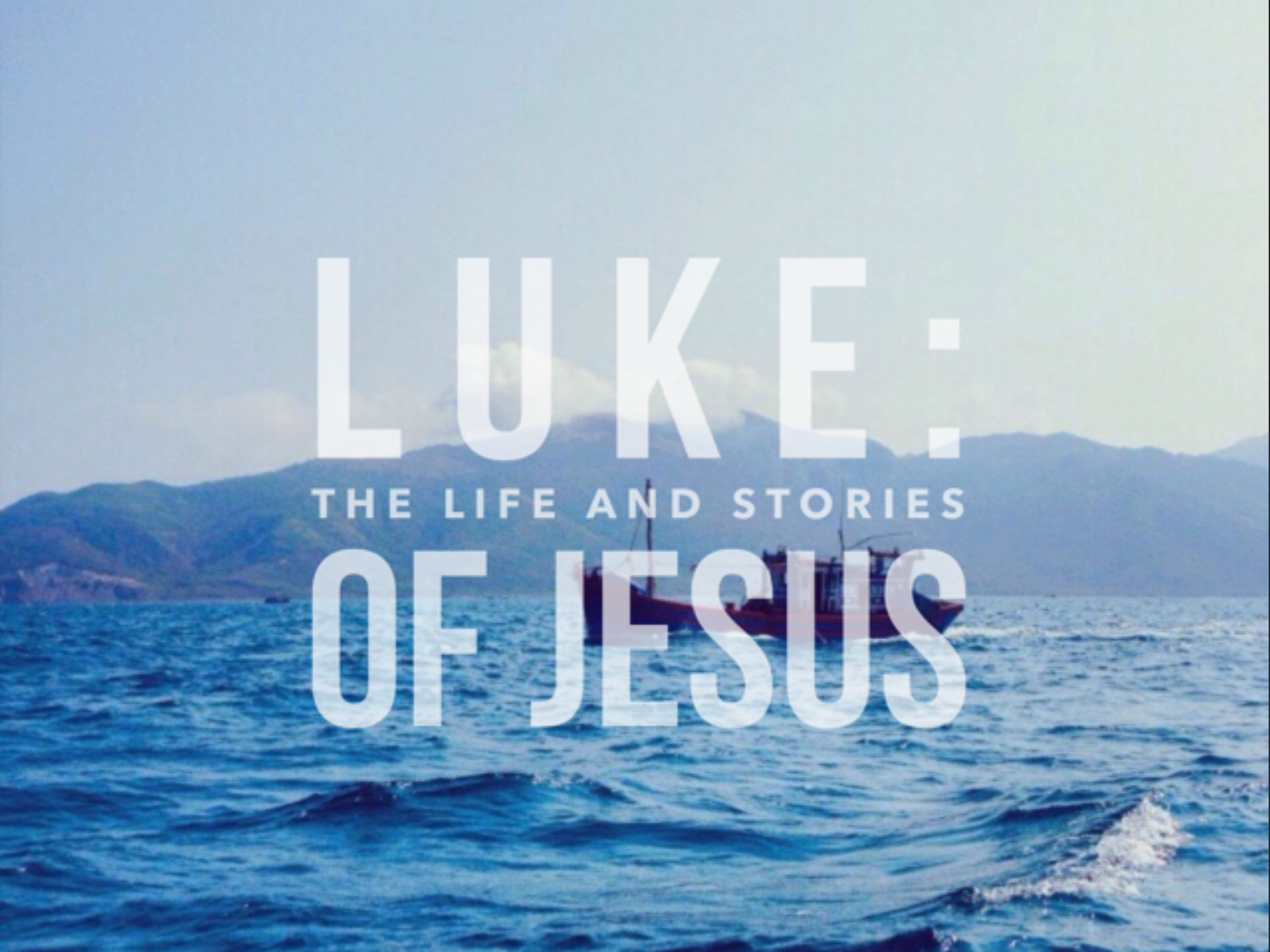
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Our Pursuit (culture of pursuit)

- What are we pursuing each day?
- Everyone worships something
 - we end up worshipping what we pursue
- We are always being disciplined in something
 - from ———> to
- Solitude - Community - Mission
 - these are all avenues of pursuit

We might be wise to follow the insight of the enraptured heart
rather than the more cautious reasoning of the
theological mind.

A.W. Tozer



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