

Sermon Title: Lexicon of Faith: A Fresh Look at Ancient Words – Grace Speaker: Drew Hyun, Guest Speaker - Pastor of Hope Church Midtown Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,^[a] the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ 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.

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

⁵ 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."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled 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.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. (*NIV*)

Sermon Summary:

Grace is central to the Christian faith - it's what makes Christianity the most exclusively inclusive message for our world today. This Sunday, we will be examining what grace looks like in the life of Jesus as he calls his disciple Peter.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. What stood out to you about the story of Peter's encounter with Jesus? What does this story have to do with grace?
- 2. Can you relate to Peter's response to Jesus when he said, "Go away from me Lord: I am a sinful man?" Share how you relate and a time in your life when you responded to the call of Jesus in a similar way.
- 3. How does it feel to hear, "God Sees All of You and Still Chooses You?" Are you able to believe that statement? Share how it encourages or challenges you?
- 4. Pastor Drew said you can repeatedly see God's grace (unmerited favor) in the stories of the people in the Bible. Name a person from Scripture who comes to mind as someone who received God's unmerited favor or share how you have experienced God's grace in your own life.