

NEVERTHELESS AT THY WORD I WILL

Luke 5:1-11

INTRODUCTION

- B. Jesus charged His apostles to make disciples of all the nations..
 - 1. Baptizing them upon His authority Matt 28:18-19
 - 2. Teaching them to observe what He commanded Matt 28:20
 - 3. Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- C. The mindset of a disciple was displayed when Jesus called Peter
 - 1. When Jesus was teaching at the Sea of Galilee Lk 5:1-3
 - 2. When Jesus called on Peter to let down the net Lk 5:4-5
 - 3. When Jesus called on Peter to lay down his net Lk 5:10-11
- D. Did you notice the mindset of a disciple of Jesus?

DISCUSSION:

I. PETER'S WILLINGNESS TO DO THE LORD'S WORD

- A. In letting down the net
 - 1. Jesus instructed Peter to let down his net Lk 5:4
 - 2. Peter did not think it would do any good Lk 5:5
 - 3. Had been fishing all night, they had caught nothing, would fisherman not know more about fishing than carpenter?
 - 4. Yet Peter said, "Nevertheless at Thy word I will Lk 5:5
 - 5. He did not think it would work - it defied common sense
 - 6. The result of doing the Lord's word - catch was overwhelming for one net, even for two boats Lk 5:6-8
 - 7. Mindset of a disciple: "Nevertheless at Thy word I will..."
- B. In laying down the net.
 - 1. He and coworkers astonished at success Lk 5:9-10
 - 2. Jesus reassured Peter, then called him and his partners to follow Him Lk 5:10-11
 - 3. Didn't think himself any good ("I am a sinful man, O Lord!")
 - a. Left a successful business and family
 - b. Possibly left wife (for while) Lk 4:38; Lk 18:28; 1Cor 9:5
 - c. James and John left their father Matt 4:21-22
 - d. They left all and followed Him!
 - 4. By doing the Lord's word - Lord called them to even greater service Lk 6:13-14 - receive greater rewards Lk 22:28-30
- C. Mindset of a disciple: "Nevertheless at Thy word I will..."
- D. These disciples, illustrate attitude that must characterize disciples of Jesus: a willingness to do whatever the Lord says, no matter the cost, even if we don't understand why

II. OUR WILLINGNESS TO DO THE LORD'S WORD

- A. In becoming his disciple
 - 1. We may not think we can do any good
 - a. May think too sinful, but Jesus calls sinners Lk 5:8,32
 - b. Even rankest of sinners can serve Him 1Cor 6:9-11
 - 2. We are to follow Him above all (family, work, self) Lk 14:26; Matt 10:37; Lk 9:23-26; Lk 14:16-24
 - 3. For those willing to follow Him, the rewards are great Lk 18:28-30
 - 4. Do we have the mindset to become a disciple ("Nevertheless at Thy word I will")?
- B. In being his disciple
 - 1. The Lord may ask us to do things we don't think will work
 - a. Laying up treasure in heaven, not for self Lk 12:15-21
 - b. Seeking first kingdom of God Lk 12:22-34; Matt 6:33
 - 2. The Lord may ask us to do things we don't yet understand
 - a. Why baptized for remission of sins? Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38
 - b. Why Lord's Supper on first day of week? Acts 20:7
 - c. Why not forsake assembling together? Heb 10:25
 - d. Why singing and not playing? Eph 5:19; Col 3:16
 - e. Why women not permitted public roles in worship? 1Cor 14:34-37
 - f. Why church not burdened by family responsibilities? 1Tim 5:16
 - 3. For those willing to obey Him, the rewards are great: our labor not in vain 1Cor 15:58; we for reward ("inherit the kingdom") Matt 25:34; 2Pet 1:11
- C. Is our mindset that of being a disciple ("Nevertheless at Thy word I will")?

CONCLUSION

- A. Are you willing to become a disciple of Jesus; heeding His call to follow Him; putting Him before family, work, self?
- B. Are you willing to adopt the mindset of a disciple; obeying the Word of the Lord; even when it may seem futile or unreasonable
- C. Though it may defy common sense, may we ever say "Nevertheless at Thy word I will"

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