



2023 New York City Marathon Finish Line



**3 WEEKS
TO GO**

5/28 - Day of Pentecost

6/4 - Trinity Sunday

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11/12 - 24th Sun. after Pentecost


11/19 - Thanksgiving Sunday

11/26 - Christ the King

**KINGDOM
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Thy Kingdom come on earth ...



We believe war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ. ... as disciples of Christ, we are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict.

Social Principles Paragraph 165 (C)

War and Terrorism

What can be done on climate change?



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L. Rafael Reif, President, MIT

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FINAL DRAFT

For the faithful & effective means of grace

UNITED METHODIST REVISED SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

A United Methodist Global Call to Social Action
(The General Conference 2024)

Capturing the Wesleyan spirit of social holiness and ethical action, over 4,000 United Methodists from around the world participated in an eight-year process to review and update the United Methodist Social Principles. Completed in 2020, this new draft document reflects the United Methodist response to today's most pressing social issues and is pending adoption at The General Conference 2024.

PREFACE

PREAMBLE

COMMUNITY OF ALL CREATION

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 Creation in Peril

 A. Destruction of Ecosystems

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 D. Women and Girls

 E. Men and Boys

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 G. Migrants, Immigrants and Refugees

 H. People with Disabilities

 I. Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities

 J. Religious Minorities

What One Donor Can Do

MEASURING THE IMPACT OF ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION



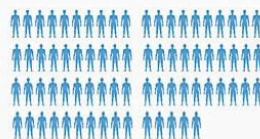
1 DONOR

8 life-saving organs



tissues & corneas that can improve

75 LIVES



EVERY DONATION COUNTS

Lungs

3-year survival rate of **68%**



Liver

70% last 5 years or more



Pancreas

improve lives for an average of **10+** YEARS



Tissues

1 IN 20 Americans will benefit from tissue transplants



Corneas

can help improve sight for **20** YEARS



Heart

5-year survival rate of **70%** OR MORE



Kidneys

improve lives for an average **12-15** YEARS



Intestines

NEARLY 3000 LIVES improved in the U.S. to date



Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday



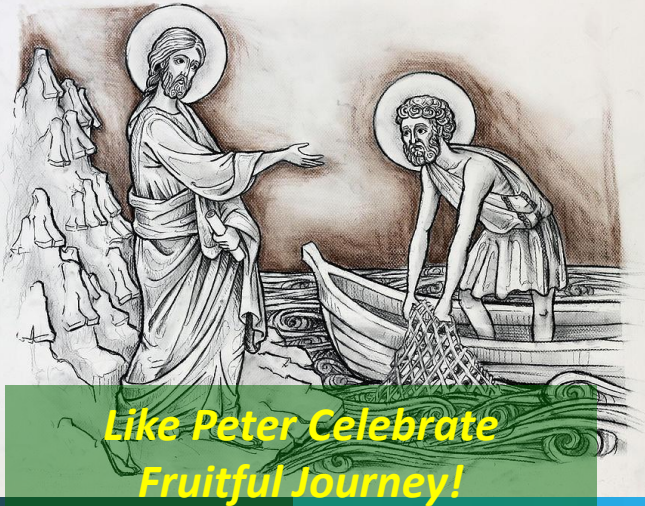
“We believe that organ transplantation and organ donation are **acts of charity, agape love, and self-sacrifice**. We recognize the life-giving benefits of organ and other tissue donation and encourage all people of faith to become organ and tissue donors as a part of their love and ministry to others in need. We urge that it be done in an environment of respect for deceased and living donors and for the benefit of the recipients, and following protocols that carefully prevent abuse to donors and their families.” *Social Principles Paragraph 162 W*

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 PLEDGE
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1. Leaving Ineffective Acts of Stakeholders - Oct. 8
2. Fruitful and Effective Leadership - Oct. 15
3. Leading the Fruitless to the Fruitful - Oct. 22
4. Reform the Fruitless Church - Oct. 29
5. Serve Like the Fruitful Forefathers - Nov. 5
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7. Celebrate the Effective Works of the Lord - Nov. 19
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9. Reign of the Faithful and Effective King - Nov. 26



Faithful & Effective

Luke 5:1-11

The Kingdom of God is Within You!

behold, the
kingdom of
God is within
you.

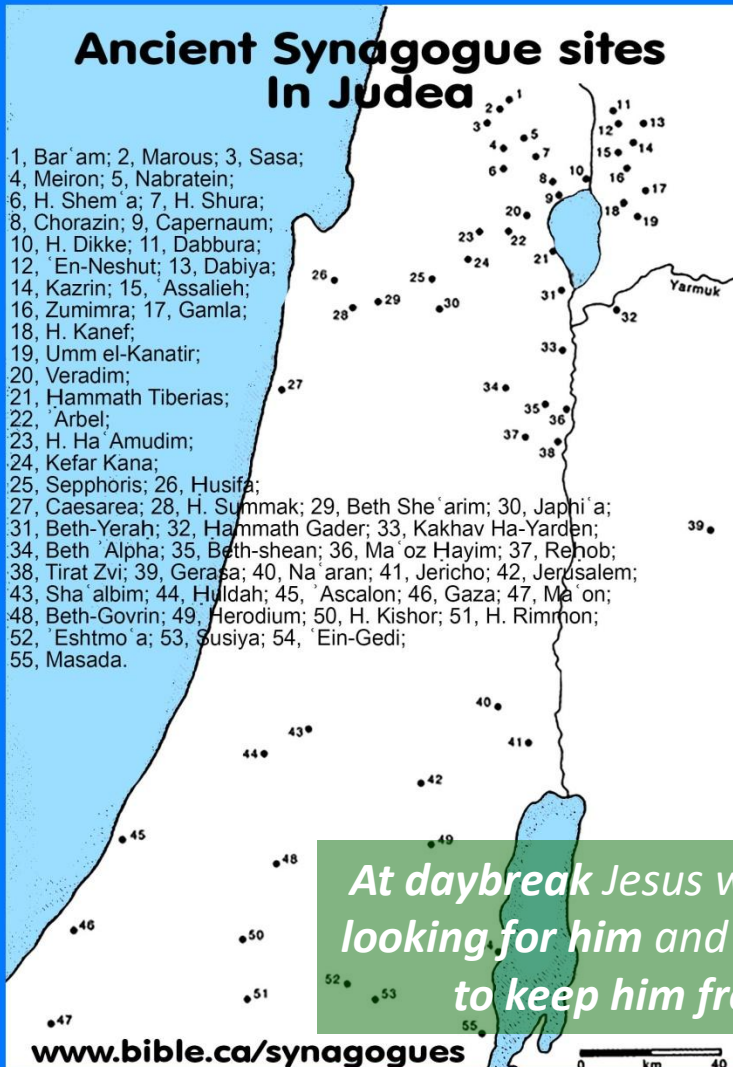
Luke 17:21

ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ ἐντὸς ὑμῶν ἐστίν.

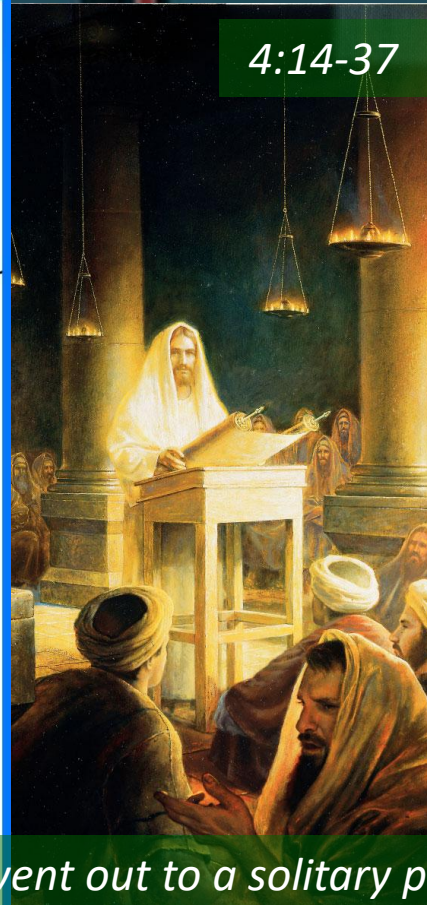
Luke 5:1-11

People Crowding around Jesus

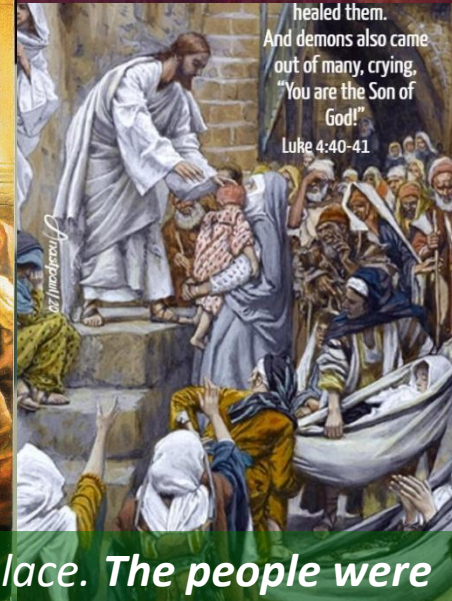
Ancient Synagogue sites In Judea

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- 1, Bar'am; 2, Marous; 3, Sasa;
 - 4, Meiron; 5, Nabratein;
 - 6, H. Shem'a; 7, H. Shura;
 - 8, Chorazin; 9, Capernaum;
 - 10, H. Dikke; 11, Dabbura;
 - 12, 'En-Neshut; 13, Dabiya;
 - 14, Kazrin; 15, 'Assalieh;
 - 16, Zumimra; 17, Gamla;
 - 18, H. Kanef;
 - 19, Umm el-Kanatir;
 - 20, Veradim;
 - 21, Hammath Tiberias;
 - 22, 'Arbel;
 - 23, H. Ha Amudim;
 - 24, Kefar Kana;
 - 25, Sepphoris; 26, Husifa;
 - 27, Caesarea; 28, H. Summak; 29, Beth She'arim; 30, Japhi'a;
 - 31, Beth-Yerah; 32, Hammath Gader; 33, Kakhav Ha-Yarden;
 - 34, Beth 'Alpha; 35, Beth-shean; 36, Ma'oz Hayim; 37, Rehob;
 - 38, Tirat Zvi; 39, Gerafa; 40, Na'aran; 41, Jericho; 42, Jerusalem;
 - 43, Sha'albim; 44, Huldah; 45, 'Ascalon; 46, Gaza; 47, Ma'on;
 - 48, Beth-Govrin; 49, Herodium; 50, H. Kishor; 51, H. Rimmon;
 - 52, 'Eshtmo'a; 53, Susiya; 54, 'Ein-Gedi;
 - 55, Masada.

4:14-37



4:38-39



healed them.
And demons also came
out of many, crying,
"You are the Son of
God!"
Luke 4:40-41

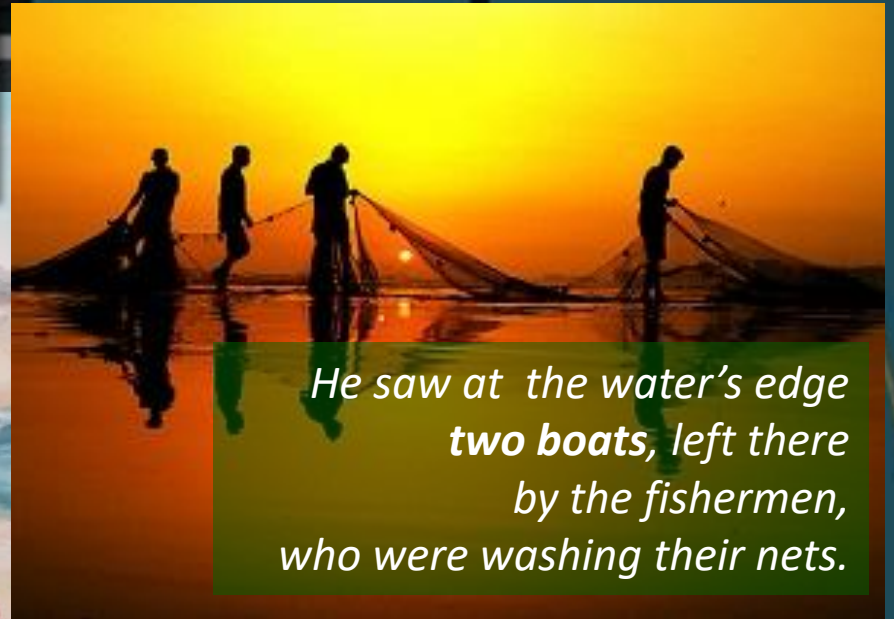
At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said... (4:42ff)

Luke 5:1-11

Two Boats at the Lake of Gennesaret

For where two or three gather
in my name,
there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20



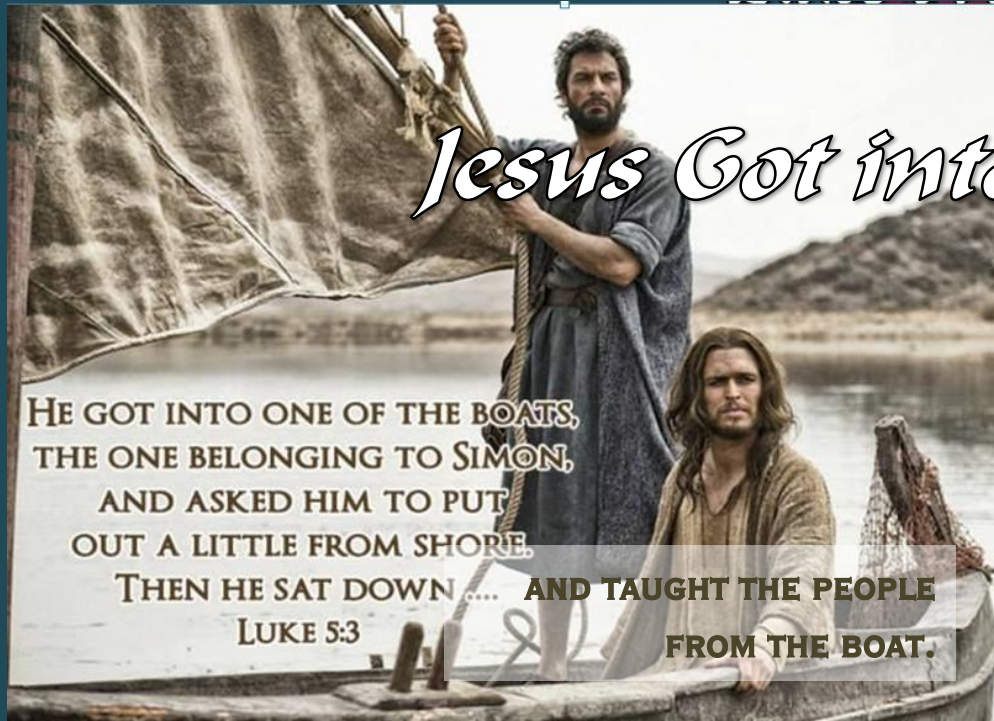
*He saw at the water's edge
two boats, left there
by the fishermen,
who were washing their nets.*



A journey of a few young professionals

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Got into Simon's Boat



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.
LUKE 5:3



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

Luke 5:1-11

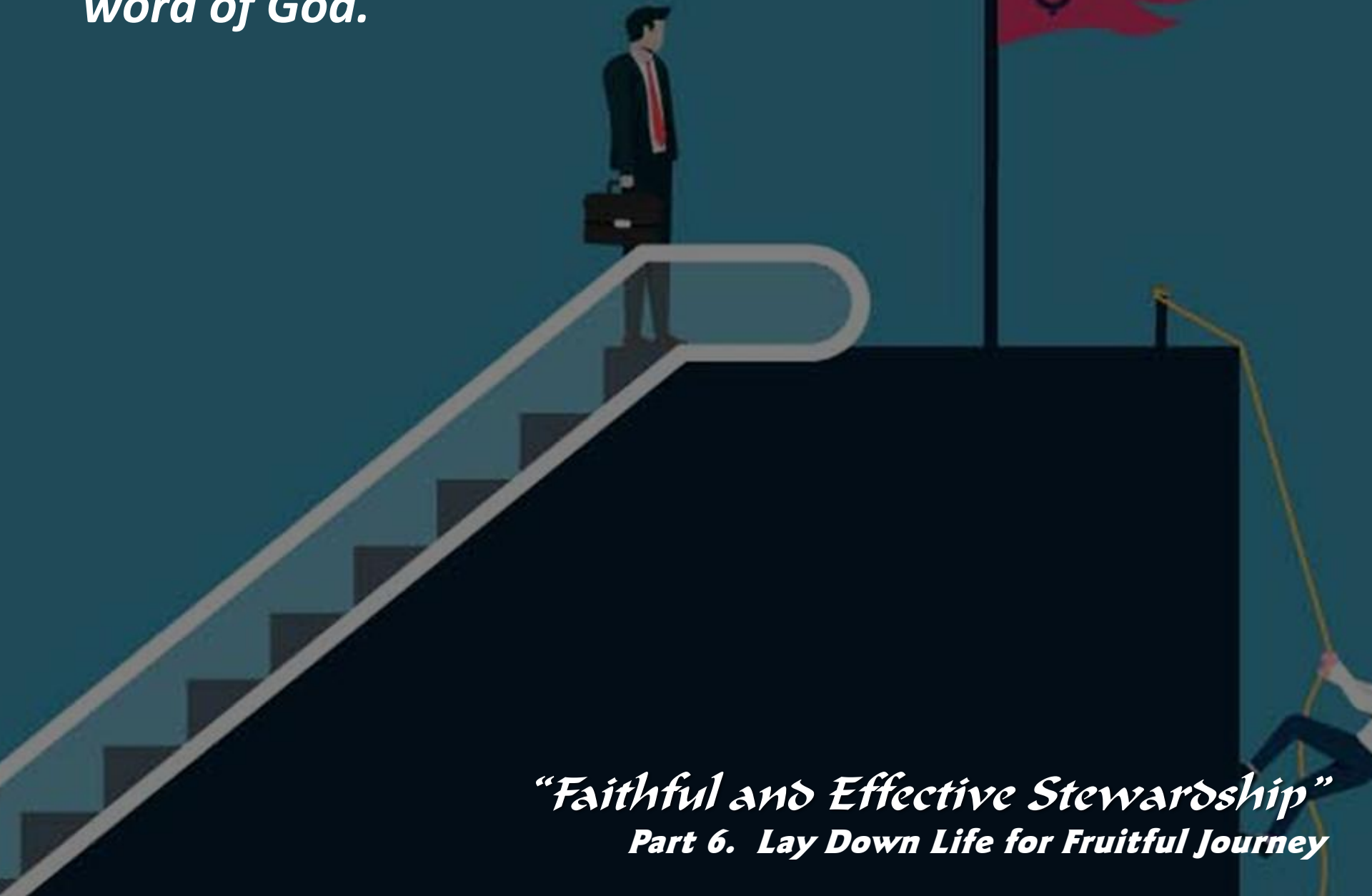
Call of Peter and His Partners

they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **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. (5:7)



Do you have the faithful & effective partners in your calling?

1. People crowding around Jesus are listening to the word of God.



“Faithful and Effective Stewardship”
Part 6. Lay Down Life for Fruitful Journey

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"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." (Luke 4:43)

Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him (Luke 8:1)

He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. (Luke 9:2)

"Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

(Luke 9:60)

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THE PEOPLE STOOD WATCHING,
AND THE RULERS SNEERED AT HIM,
SAYING, "HE SAVED OTHERS; LET
HIM SAVE HIMSELF IF HE IS THE
CHRIST OF GOD, THE CHOSEN
ONE."

- LUKE 23:35



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1. People crowding around Jesus are listening to the word of God.

2. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon.

A man in a dark suit and red tie stands on a grey staircase that leads up to a dark platform. He is holding a brown briefcase. On the platform, a red flag with a white dollar sign (\$) is flying. To the right, a person is climbing a rope that is attached to the platform. The background is a dark blue sky with a few white clouds.

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2. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

John 1:10-11

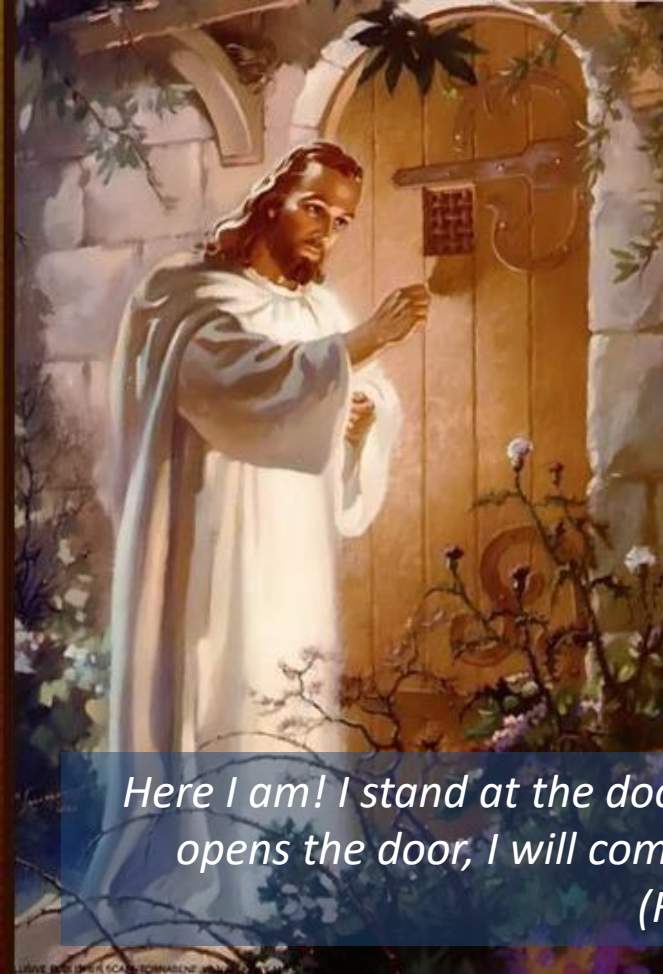
Yet to all who received him, to those who believe in his name, **he gave the right to become the children of God** – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, **but born of God.**

John 1:12-13



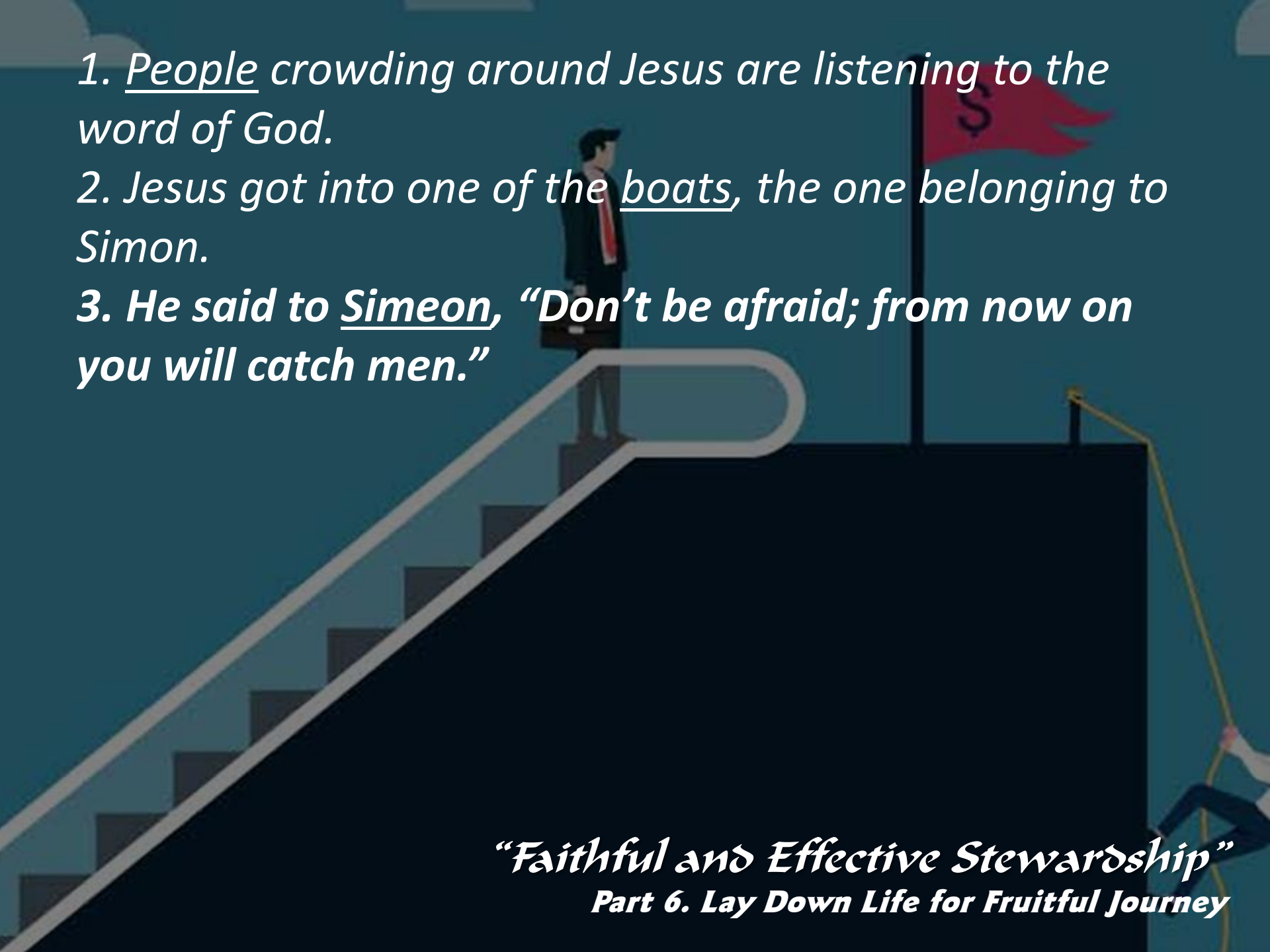
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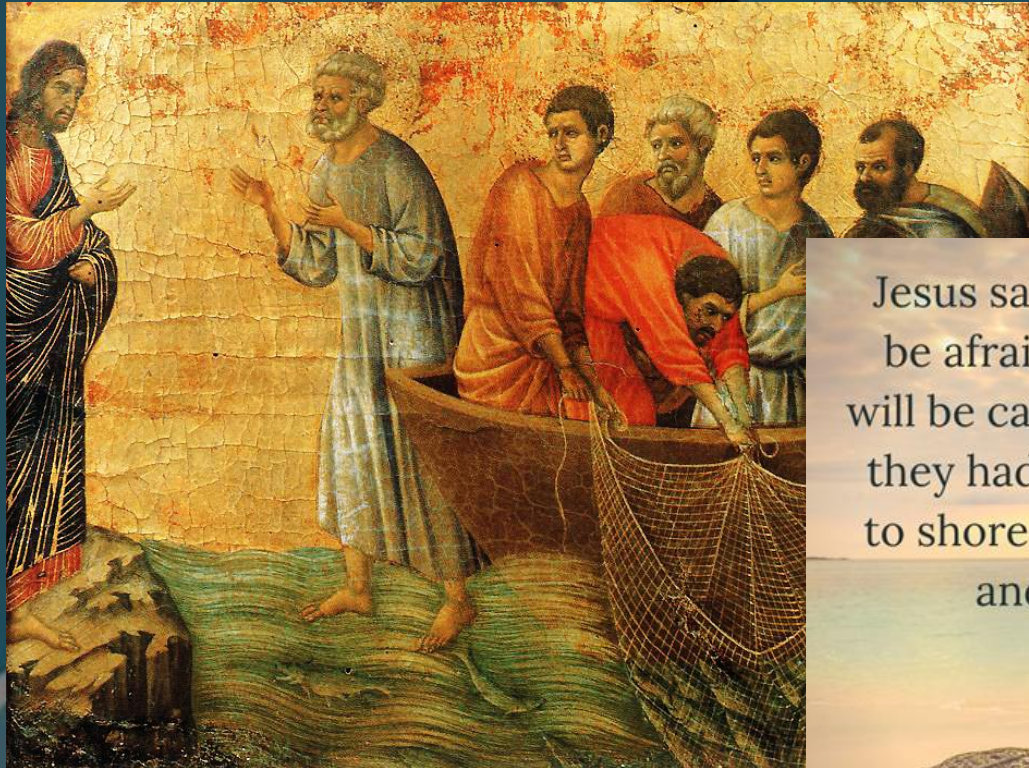
*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hear my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.
(Revelation 3:20)*

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Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

LUKE 5:10-11



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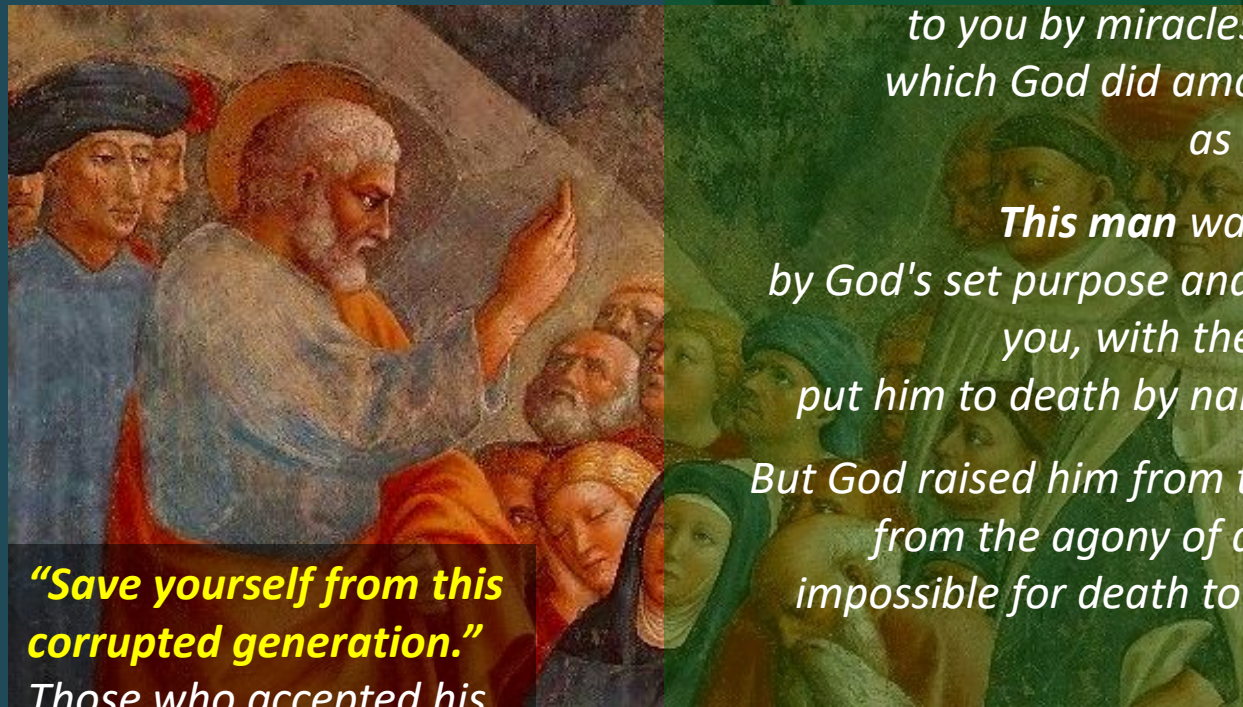
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Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:22-24




“Save yourself from this corrupted generation.”

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:41

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Therefore, my brother, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:10-11

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