

THE COST OF COMMITMENT
LUKE 5:1-11 (ESV)

LUKE 4:42-43 (ESV)

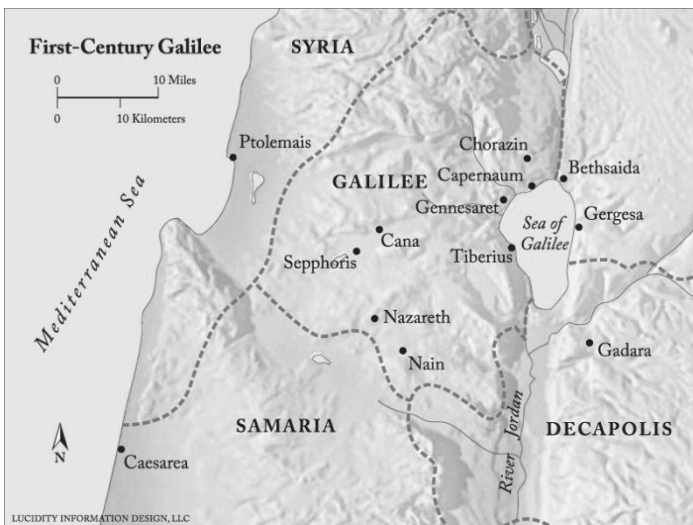
42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."

2 WAYS TO RESPOND TO MINISTRY PRESSURES LIKE JESUS:

1. JESUS ESTABLISHES A RHYTHM OF WORK AND RESTFUL SOLITUDE
2. JESUS RECRUITS OTHERS TO MULTIPLY HIS MINISTRY

THE CONTEXT

1 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



2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 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.

THE COMMAND

4 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 (because you say so) I will let down the nets."



WHAT DID THIS SIMPLE OBEDIENCE COST PETER?

1. PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE
 2. INVOLVEMENT OF OTHERS
 3. MISUNDERSTANDING BY OUTSIDERS
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6 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.

THE CONFESSION

8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 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."

THE COMMITMENT

11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

ADDITIONAL NOTES
