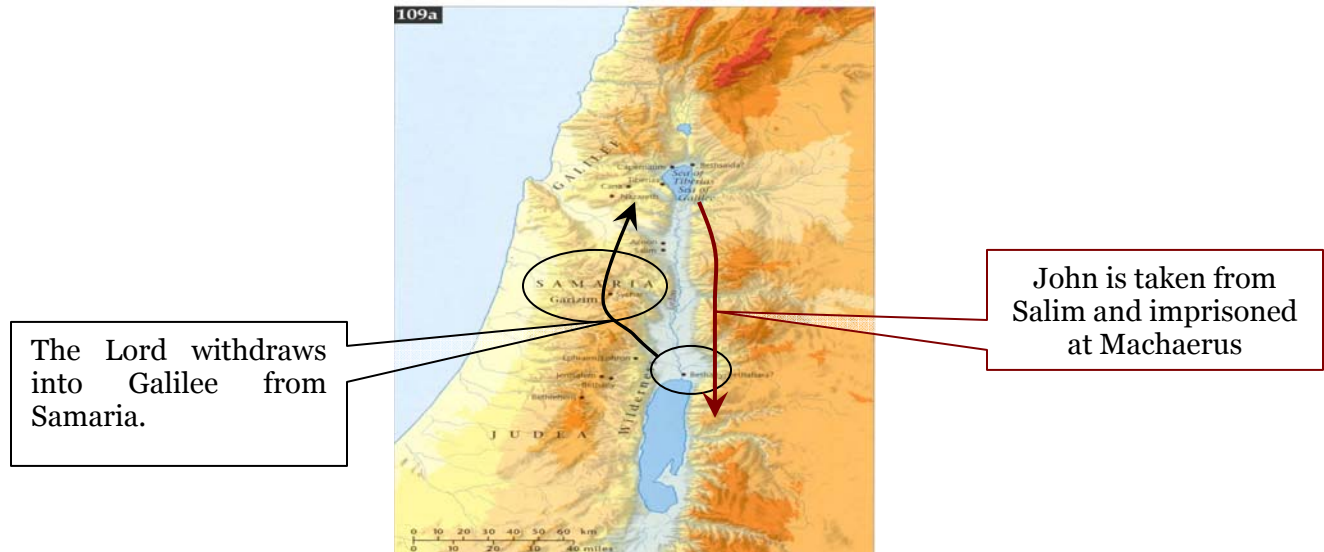


It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Matthew 4:12

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee;



¹³ and leaving Nazareth, He came and **settled** in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

- **“Settled”** - Aorist active indicative –
 - **KATOIKEO** - “To settle down or reside”
 - This indicates that Jesus actually moved from Nazareth and began to live in Capernaum.
 - He took up residence there, which was a move of about 20-25 miles.
 - Since Jesus was the first born Son & head of the household, Mary and her four other sons relocated there as well.
 - Why?
 - Capernaum was the place where God wanted Jesus to live. It was the directive will of the Father.
 - This is from where the ministry was to launch and be based.
- There is a time gap - an expanse of time - between when he left the Samaritan city of Sychar and the time he departed for Capernaum.

¹³ and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum. . .

- In order to leave Nazareth, He had to have first arrived in Nazareth.
- What did He do?
 - He packed up His family and moved.

The reason for this is found in the proverb – “a prophet is not accepted in his hometown.”

- In your hometown, people are focused on who you were instead of who you are in Christ.
- If you are saved and realize you have a communication gift – called to communicate the Word with authority and conviction as a herald – you will not be doing it in your hometown in accordance with the will of God.

- Moving beyond your hometown requires stepping out in faith. The ministry that God gives you comes from Him and you must be prepared to go where He sends you.

Luke 4:14 - serves as a panoramic introduction & summary to the Lord’s Galilean Ministry.

14 And Jesus (emphasizing the humanity of Christ) returned to Galilee (through Samaria. He made a brief stop in Sychar) in the power of the Spirit,

- μ μ
 - Preposition μ
 - **DUNAMIS** – “Power, might or strength”
 - Corrected translation – “**by means of the power or strength**”

- Possessive genitive of μ - **PNEUMA**
 - Indicates that He did not return in His own strength, but did what the Father wanted Him to do in the strength of Another.
 - The power or strength to do what God wanted Him to do and to go where God wanted Him to go was provided by God the Holy Spirit.

POD - The humanity of Christ perfected the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit.

- Christ was taught by the Spirit and led by the Spirit.
- By the Lord perfecting the Mentorship of the Holy Spirit, He established the standard for us to emulate in the Church Age. He is our Exemplar.
- How did He perfect the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit?
 - In order to function in the strength of another, one must depend upon another to provide the required strength.
 - If you don’t have the needed strength, and someone offers just what it takes, you not only need to **know about** that but you need to **tap into** that power and **depend** upon it!
 - The humanity of Christ perfected the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit by **depending** upon God the Holy Spirit.
 - Just as Christ executed the Prototype Spiritual Life by depending on the power of the Holy Spirit, so it is for us to execute the Unique Spiritual Life in the age in which we live by depending on the power of the Holy Spirit.

As believers, we must depend upon God the Holy Spirit to provide the strength required to fulfill God’s will for our lives.

- To go where He wants us to go
- To do what God wants us to do

You could travel from the Jordan through Samaria to Galilee and begin a ministry.

- You could make the trek.
- But you are going to find it extremely irksome if you do it in **your** own strength relying on **your** ability.
- So it goes in your own spiritual life – you can only execute the spiritual life in the power of Another.

- By functioning in **your** ability, are you going to fulfill your ambassadorship responsibilities and see an entire city saved along the way?
 - No, you will not. Your strength is limited.
 - That which God the Holy Spirit provides is unlimited and **FREE**.

The Power of the Spirit will always be there for you, provided you are depending upon Him for it every step of the way.

God will sustain you by the power – (the μ) **“By means of the power”** – when you need it, as you do what God wants you to do.

That power is provided by a moment by moment reliance upon the indwelling Spirit to provide the ability and strength to do what God would have you do.

Regarding personal evangelism, you are **Appointed**, or designated, an Ambassador for Christ (**2 Cor 5:20**) and given the power to execute the power of reconciliation - introducing others to your Savior!

DIVINE WORKS OF GRACE				
E Grace	Imparted EL	Adopted	Drafted	Raised
Sealed	Secured	Guaranteed	Issued	Enslaved
Regenerated	Forgiven	Employed	Qualified	Grafted
Filled	Created		Predestined	Seeded
Gifted	Commissioned		Elected	Called
Baptized	Appointed		Presented	Glorified
Indwelt G/HS	Transferred		Perfected	Healed
Indwelt G/F	Delivered		Rooted	Confirmed
Indwelt G/S	Empowered		Completed	Anointed
Reconciled	Rescinded		Circumcised	Enlightened
Redeemed	Liberated		Crucified	Blessed
Sanctified	Freed	Provided	Died P	Enriched
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Justified	Related	Nationalized	Buried	Seated

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APPLICATIONAL RATIONALE

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20th: APPOINTED (2 Cor. 5:20)
 The act whereby the believer is designated an ambassador for Christ and given the power to execute the ministry of reconciliation.

I now have a responsibility to fulfill the ministry of reconciliation by spreading the Gospel to everyone the Lord brings into my life. To assume this responsibility in representing my Savior to the lost requires three things: Knowledge, confidence, and desire. Knowledge of how God saves a person and the provision Christ made on the cross. Confidence in the Holy Spirit because He provides the ability to present the Gospel message (Acts 1:8). Desire to present the Gospel that results from personal love toward what my Savior endured for me on the cross (1 Pet. 1:8; Heb 5:7-9). Henceforth, I have compassion for the unsaved and desire to see them saved as does my God (1 Tim. 2:3-4).

Eph. 5:18

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You may be thrown into a **panic** thinking that you are responsible to introduce your Savior to people.

- You are focused on yourself and your human abilities.
- You feel as though you lack the confidence to communicate the Gospel.
- That is a good thing. That’s exactly where you need to be.

“I can’t do this Lord.”

- You’ve just realized that you lack the ability and the strength to do it.
- The sooner you realize this helplessness, the better you’ll be.

You have realized that **you do not** have the ability or strength in yourself to handle this.

That’s humility.
 That’s where you start to develop an inherent trust in Another.
 Now you need to take a step of faith. . .
 . . . and another. . .
 . . . and another. . .
 . . . and another

As you take those steps, you are walking by means of the power of the Spirit.

μ μ – “By means of the power of the Spirit”

Each step is a casting of oneself upon Another, for the ability and strength to pray and communicate the Gospel – to do what God would have you do.

Now you are perfecting the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit in your life.

When we arrive at an experiential realization that we do not have the ability or strength to do what God wants us to do –

- We are right where God wants us.
- We are at a place where He takes over if you just let go and step out in faith.

Luke 5:4-8

The Lord is into the Galilean ministry.

- He has moved His family to Capernaum.
- He travels to the lake where Peter, James & John owned a seafood company with a fleet of fishing boats.

4 When He had finished speaking. . .

He had just taught a Bible class to the people from one of Peter’s boats (see vs. 3).

He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

5 Simon answered and said, Master. . .

- “Master”

EPISTATES - An official who has authority

What does Peter do by calling the Lord, **ἐπιστάτα**?

- He recognizes the authority of the Lord.
- Peter owns the boat, but he recognizes the Lord as commander of his boat.
- He is oriented to the Lord’s authority over his property.

Peter worked very hard for that boat before the Lord came into his life.

- It was his living.
- The boat was his, but Peter doesn’t see it that way anymore.
- Peter knew the Lord now. He had traveled with Him through Samaria to Nazareth.
- Once they arrived in Nazareth, the disciples returned to their families & jobs.

Peter is awesome here – – **EPISTATES** - “Master”

. . . You, Lord are the official of my boat. As such, You have authority over everything I have.

Then he says -

. . . we worked hard all night and caught nothing. . .

In other words-

I don’t know why you want me to do this Lord –

- . . . go out into the deep.
- . . . I know you said for a catch, but I don’t know why? We’ve been out all night. . .

. . . but I will do as You say and let down the nets.”

μ – “. . . **but upon Your word I will let down the nets**”

- 1st Person singular future active indicative – – **CHALAO**
- *I will let down. . .*

Is not everything you *are* and what you *have* to be used by the Lord to do whatever He commands?

- Why do we fall short of unconditional surrender of all to Him?
- Sometimes we may think, “Lord, you can have this, but not that – that’s mine.”
 - I saved up for that. . . I worked hard for that. . .
 - It’s mine!
 - That home I put all the work into - that’s mine.
 - What do You mean You want me to sell it and move?

Could you just let go and allow the Lord to have what is rightfully His anyway?

Can you not recognize that everything you are and have has come from Him in grace?

He bought you with a price. He owns you. Why do you hold back?

Look what happens when just one person says **(EPISTATES)**. Mine is not to reason why Lord, but upon Your word, I will *do what You tell me to do*.

Is your soul unconditionally surrendered to the things that God would have for you?

6 When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets *began to break*;

7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them.

And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

Look what happens when you just let go!

Peter had more fish than he could clean in a night.

8 But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus’ feet (knees). . .

- This is where all of us need to be, with Peter.
 - On our knees, recognizing our Lord as – *“The Master of my boat”*
 - Peter is right where the Lord can start doing something with him.

. . . saying, **“Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord!”**

- Peter knew he did not have the ability or the strength.
- Peter realized he did not deserve the honor of being with the Lord and the blessings that come with it.
 - He had blessing by association.
- Peter knew he did not have the ability or the strength.
 - He was humble.
 - That’s where it all starts.

Now you only need to take a step of faith – today!

Whether you commit yourself to Him as a living sacrifice is your business.

Don’t hold back from the Lord what is rightfully His – not even your boat.

You are either His living sacrifice or you are not.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.