

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).

Primary passage: **Luke 4:44 – 5:11**

A few **POD's** for the pastor-teachers -

- 1. The communicator's loyalty must be in the Lord and His infallible Word as opposed to people, no matter how positive.**
- 2. Loyalty to the Lord results in preaching the Word [*the full realm of doctrine*] without compromise.**
- 3. Loyalty to people eventually results in compromising the Word [*so that the people get watered down messages in which they hear what they want to hear as opposed to what they need to hear*].**
- 4. Loyalty to people also results in the pastor functioning as a counselor, social organizer, fund raiser, and promoter. . . a sermonator - more of a manager of people than a teacher of people.**
- 5. Loyalty to God results in pastoral leadership through shepherding the flock with the infallible word of God.**
- 6. Popularity and the desires of people [*including ministry success*] are not indicators of the geographical will of God.**

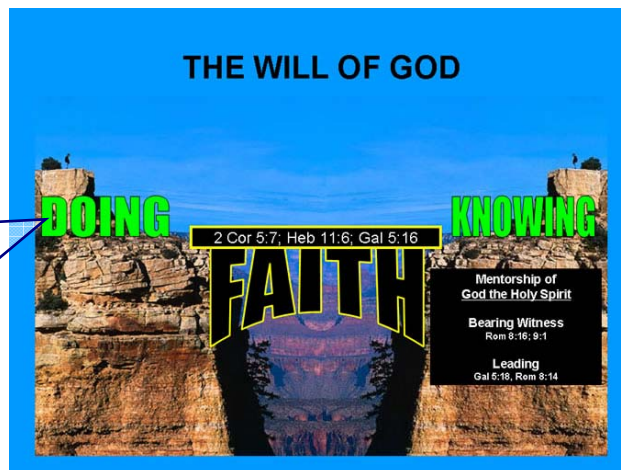
The communicator must continuously seek direction from the Lord in prayer.

Applications to these principles - -

- To the communicator
- To the individual

There is a great gulf fixed between knowing the will of God and doing the will of God.

Once you **KNOW** the will of God, without **FAITH**, you will never **DO** it!



The Lord's Galilean ministry continues. . .

44 So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea τ σ ουδαίας

- Reference to the regions or places that the Jews occupied



This is where the Lord is now.

Area of Judea

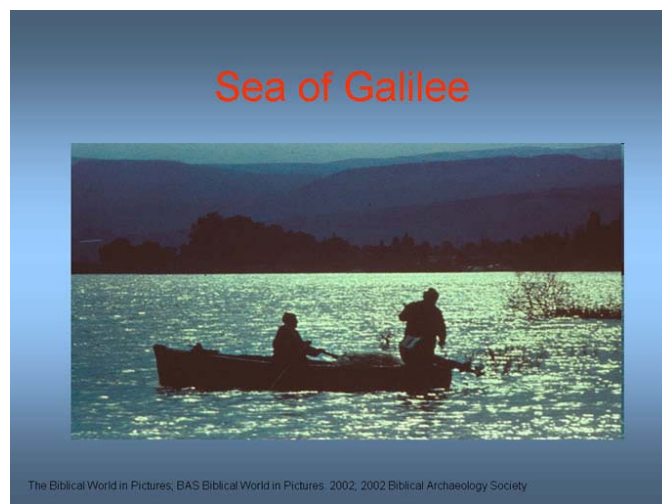
Both areas are occupied by Jews and are areas where the Lord taught and preached.

The Lord heads for the Sea of Galilee to link up with Peter, Andrew, James, & John. . .

Luke 5:1

1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret (also known as the Sea of Galilee);

2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.



The Lord uses the boat as His pulpit as He teaches the people.

3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat.

⁴ When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

Remember that professional fishing was done at night yet this was daytime when the Lord issues the command to Peter (the professional fisherman).

Peter is commanded by the Lord to do some fishing during those daytime hours and he obeys!

⁵ Simon answered and said, **πιστάτα** – “Master”

- An official who has authority to command

Peter recognizes the Lord’s authority to use his boat however He desires.

POD - When the Lord directs, we are to simply orient to His authority.

- Often His direction may not make sense to you.
- You may not see from where provision is coming.
- You are not to reason or question why or how – just do it!

... we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say *and* let down the nets.”

Corrected translation from **π δ τ ἡματι σου** – “**but upon your word, I will let down the nets.**”

Peter is standing at the ready to obey the Lord without question, even though it is contrary to everything Peter knows about catching fish.

The Lord demonstrates His authority over the animal kingdom.

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

POD - Great things happen when we are oriented to our Savior’s authority and allow Him to use whatever we have for His glory.

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.

When the Lord provides, He always does so with abundance – our cup runs over!

Peter expresses humility toward the Lord.

⁸ But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying, “Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man, O Lord! I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

⁹ For amazement had seized him and **all his companions** because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

Peter and his companions were amazed because they recognized the demonstration of Messianic authority that had been prophesied – control over the animal kingdom.

Isaiah 11:6-8

⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling *will eat* together; and a little boy will lead them.

⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

¹⁰ and so also *were* James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."

Note the compassion of the Lord in response to Peter's humble reaction and amazement.

"Do not fear. . . ."

¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, ***they left everything and followed Him.***

Does one have to leave everything to follow the Lord?

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