



# Daily Reflections

## February 10, 2019

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### Scripture

#### **Luke 5: 1-11**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God,  
he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret.  
He saw two boats there alongside the lake;  
the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.  
Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon,  
he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore.  
Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.  
After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,  
"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."  
Simon said in reply,  
"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing,  
but at your command I will lower the nets."  
When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish  
and their nets were tearing.  
They signaled to their partners in the other boat  
to come to help them.  
They came and filled both boats  
so that the boats were in danger of sinking.  
When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said,  
"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."  
For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him

and all those with him,  
and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee,  
who were partners of Simon.  
Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;  
from now on you will be catching men."  
When they brought their boats to the shore,  
they left everything and followed him.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

No doubt Simon Peter was a hard worker. Fishing was a demanding yet lucrative profession. He obviously had spent more time and energy on commercial fishing than on his spiritual life. That is, until Jesus came along. When He encounters the goodness of the Lord he is brought to his knees in humility because he just knew he was in the presence of absolute purity and holiness. But Jesus would never let anyone stay on their knees, especially Simon Peter. There was work to do. Jesus words, "Be not afraid", changed him forever and they have the power to change you, too!

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## **Food for your Journey**

From the AA devotional book, 24 Hours a Day, for December 31: "I shall be loyal in my attendance, generous in my giving, kind in my criticism, creative in my suggestions, loving in my attitudes. I shall give AA my interest, my enthusiasm, my devotion and most of all, myself."

Not a bad credo for the church.

A stranger, out for a stroll on a Sunday afternoon, was passing a mine in Pennsylvania years ago, and asked a child why the fields were so full of mules.

The child explained that these were mine mules. They worked in the mines during the week and were brought up on Sundays to keep from going blind.

Not a bad reason to be in church on Sundays after spending a week in cultural darkness and moral blindness. Worship can help us keep and/or recover our spiritual sight.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear God, I get so caught up living life and doing the essentials that I become blind to what matters most... my relationship with You. You are the Lord and Master of my life. Help me to come out of the darkness that is the result of ignoring You and to start each day by pledging my energy and efforts to You. Amen