

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - LUKE CHAPTER 5      2-3/4-2025

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### OPENING PRAYER

***LUKE – Chapter 5 – Four Fishermen Called as Disciples – (vs. 1-11); Jesus Cleanses a Leper – (vs. 12-16); Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic – (vs. 17-26); Matthew the Tax Collector is called – (vs. 27-32); Jesus is Questioned About Fasting; Three examples of things that cannot be mixed, unmatched things – (vs. 33-39).***

- **Jesus has begun His public ministry.** In this chapter, Jesus will demonstrate the authority He declared in reading His mandate from (*Isa 61:1-2a*) to those in the Nazareth Synagogue.

**Jesus Calls the First Disciples - Luk 5:1** *So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret* (Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias),

- It is hard to imagine what it must have been like trying to move through a village when word goes out and the people come, and they begin to try and get as close to you as they can. Pushing, shoving, thronging about Him. Such was the case with Jesus.

**Luk 5:2** *and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.*

- Another time when Jesus was there at the sea of Galilee, these same fishermen were mending their nets when Jesus called them to leave their nets and to follow Him. This particular incident should not be confused with the incidents that are recorded by Matthew and Mark. There Jesus was calling them to follow Him, which I believe they did. But now they have gone back to fishing again.

**Luk 5:3** *Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.*

- Because the people were pressing on Him so heavily, the sea made a convenient pulpit, giving a little space between the people and Jesus. It gave Him an opportunity to address more of them without just being crowded and pushed.

**Luk 5:4** *When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

- For a big catch. For a haul of fish! Jesus assumed command. We know He always is in command!

**Luk 5:5** *But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."*

- In other words, Lord, it is useless. There are no fish there today. It is just useless, Lord. We have toiled all night, the best time to fish, and in the best part of the Lake and have caught nothing. But, he said, *nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net*. Miracles are always preceded by obedience!
- Master, I am not doing this because I think we're going to get anything but just at Your word, just to make You feel good, I'll let it down. I will toss it out.
- It was an act of obedience on the part of Peter, reluctant obedience, but obedience. Peter's experience and understanding of it was going to be fruitless.

**Luk 5:6** *And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.*

**Luk 5:7** *So 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.*

- But to his amazement, as the boats began to sink from the large catch, it began to sink into Peter's mind what was going on. He realized this is not normal! This is a miracle. This Man who had healed His mother-in-law of the great fever, also having power over the natural world! Peter began to realize that Jesus was not just a mortal man but that He was more than just a man indeed! Perhaps even the Messiah. With the recognition of Jesus as he saw Jesus in truth, he saw himself in truth. One of the most important things is to get a true view of Jesus because you will never have a true view of yourself until you see yourself in His light!
- Walking in the darkness of this world, we are so often deceived. We are prone to think of ourselves more highly than we should. We are prone to be very forgiving of our weaknesses and our sins. We fail to see the truth about ourselves until we see ourselves in His light. Seeing ourselves in His light always brings conviction, the acknowledgment of sin and the confession of sin.

**Luk 5:8** *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

- He fell down at Jesus' feet. This is always the response in the Bible when a person is confronted with Deity.
- Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. Peter is acknowledging his sin, recognizing that he has really no place around Jesus because of his sin. (*Job 42:6*) *Therefore I abhor myself And repent in dust and ashes.*" (*Rev 1:17a*) *And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.* When we are confronted with God, His majesty of the Deity and an awareness of our own unworthiness, are overwhelming!

- The sin that Peter was confessing and repenting of here was the sin of ever thinking that he could know more than Jesus about anything in life! Even in his area of expertise as a fisherman, and that is what he's been humbled by and that's what he's repented of. Lord, I am not worthy of Your presence here; not worthy of Your instruction in my life; much less, worthy to publicly question Your wisdom when You give it to me! You are the expert on everything, and even the area in which we are in that we know the most about!
- ***"All night Fishermen!" They had caught nothing all night on their own. But the fruitfulness of listening to the Lord and listening to Him, even in our area of expertise, so that our lives can be marked by the abundance and supernatural fruit for the Lord.***

***Luk 5:9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;***

- *Astonished, amazed*, was the reaction of these experienced professional fishermen!

***Luk 5:10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men (alive, to full-time discipleship)."***

- **It is sort of the second call to Simon Peter.** The first call was when he was mending his nets there at the Sea of Galilee. Here is the second call. Now we know that there was a third call. Fishing had a real hold on Peter. It was his livelihood; it was his chosen profession. I believe he thoroughly enjoyed it.
- **We remember that after Jesus died and rose from the dead,** He told the disciples that He would meet them in Galilee. So, they went up to Galilee to meet Him. When Jesus did not show up immediately, Peter said to the other disciples, I am going fishing. They said we will go with you. They had a similar experience in that they fished all night and caught nothing. In the morning Jesus was standing on the shore. They did not recognize Him. He called out over the water, "Did you catch anything?" And they said, No!
- **He said, "Why don't you cast your nets on the other side?"** They cast their nets on the other side and immediately they were filled with great fish, so much so they could not even pull it into the boat. And when John saw they could not pull it in because of the multitude of fish, he said to Peter, it is the Lord!
- **The third call again at the Sea of Galilee** involved fishing and empty nets and full nets. This was the final call. After this, Peter didn't go back to the old life anymore. This was it; this was the commitment. Jesus said, from now on you are going to catch men. The book of Acts records how successful Peter was in catching men.
- **We see a call to full-time ministry for Peter, Andrew, James, and John! (Mat 28:19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Am I, are you, called into full-time discipleship? How good a "fisher of men" am I? Are You?**

***Luk 5:11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.***

- **They had servants and they left the boats**, their entire business with their servants and they followed Jesus! That was their commitment!

***Jesus Cleanses a Leper - Luk 5:12 And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."***

- **That is a startling conviction on the part of this leper!** Under the Law of Moses, a leper always had to remain downwind from healthy people so they would not be infected. A leper had to warn the people, crying out, "Unclean, unclean!" This man knows enough about Jesus that he feels comfortable here to approach Him, asking Him for a cleansing from his leprosy.
- **Luke, being a physician, is again using a medical term** and it is a term that refers to an advanced state of leprosy. It was not just the beginning; it was not just a blotch on his skin. It was very advanced.

***Luk 5:13 Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him.***

- **God wants to work.** So, "*If You will, You can make me clean.*" Jesus said, "*I am willing!*" It shows that God is desiring to work and has left the opening that He might work even in an incurable situation such as the leper. So, I love that, "*the law of the leper for the day of his cleansing.*" (Lev 14:2)

- **Now under the Mosaic law, it was unlawful to touch a leper.** Some wonder why Jesus would violate the Mosaic law. My opinion is that He did not. I believe that the action was simultaneous, He touched a cleansed man! (*2Co 5:21*) *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
- **We probably have all been in this exact same situation where we come to Jesus, and we say Lord. I know you can do it, but I do not know if you are willing to do it now for me!** What is true of all lepers is true of all sinners, and that is why we see Jesus saying to this leper, but He is saying concerning all sin, I am not only able to cleanse your sin, but I am also willing to cleanse your sin! There is no one that will ever come to Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and **salvation that will ever be turned away!** They will discover Jesus is both willing and able to cleanse us from our sin!

***Luk 5:14 And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."***

- **The cleansed leper was told to tell no one! Jesus told him to be quiet, but he told everyone! We are told to tell everyone about Him, but too often, we tell no one!**
- **Let it be a witness to the priest. Just go and show yourself and do that** which was commanded by Moses. In Leviticus, chapters thirteen and fourteen, we have the Mosaic law concerning the leper. All of the rules and the regulations that applied to a person with leprosy and the method by which a person who did have leprosy could be received back into the community. The examination by the priest and the setting apart for several days, the second examination and then when it was determined that there was no more leprosy, then there was to be certain sacrifices offered in certain ways and the leper would be received back into the community.
- **We read in (Lev 14:2) This shall be the law of the leper for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest.** That is a very interesting statement because leprosy was so incurable. Leprosy remains incurable to the present time. They are now able to arrest leprosy, which is called Hansen's disease. They can arrest it, stop its development, but they cannot cure it. Yet God made provision for His supernatural overriding of the natural condition of a person which was incurable.
- **The fact that a man would go to the priest claiming healing from leprosy, would alert the hard-hearted religious leadership in Israel that the Messianic Age had come! That The Messiah is here,** healing lepers as prophesized in the Old Testament!

***Luk 5:15 However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.***

- **Some came to hear, and others came just to be healed,** which is always the case. There are some who come just to receive the benefits. They are not really that interested in obeying the commandments of Jesus, following Him, but they would like to receive the healing of their infirmities.

***Luk 5:16 So He Himself often (regularly) withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.***

- **With the great multitudes and the constant pressure** because of the multitudes, we find Jesus' resorting to prayer! The greater the pressure, the more Jesus saw the necessity of getting alone in prayer.
- **Luke does a very commendable service to us in that he gives us a great insight into the prayer life of Jesus.** The thing that impresses me most about the prayer life of Jesus is that if He saw the necessity for prayer, being who He was, the very Son of God, who in the world do we think we are that we can possibly survive the pressures of this world without prayer? That we can somehow get by without prayer!
- **Jesus in His prayer life certainly indicates to us the importance of and the necessity of prayer.** That prayer is a very integral part of your very being. That we learn to rely upon and depend upon the strength that comes from prayer!
- **How is my prayer life, especially praying alone with Him? Is there too much talk about prayer and its importance, and not enough prayer? Am I really praying after the manner of Jesus?**

***Jesus Heals a Paralytic - Luk 5:17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees (first mention in Luke) and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power (dunamis – unique with Luke, dynamite) of the Lord was present to heal them.***

- **The critics were there, the Pharisees and teachers of the Law.** They have been attracted also. Now in the Galilee region at this time, there were ten cities around the sea of Galilee with a significant population. They were known as the Decapolis. Coming up from Jerusalem, where the Pharisees, the teachers of the law, were listening and looking for flaws, seeking to find fault.

**Luk 5:18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.**

**Luk 5:19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.**

- **These resourceful men came to the house where Jesus was teaching.** Finding that they could not get into the house, the multitude of people crowded around, climbed up on the roof, removed a few tiles, let the man down in front of Jesus.
- **What an effort! What thought went into these four men to bring a person to Jesus just to be healed!** Consider the number one healing need that we all have, which is the need to be forgiven of our sin!
- **Noting the efforts of bringing the paralytic to Christ, how much effort am I exerting to bring an unbeliever to Christ? What is the level of my commitment, my preparation and follow-up? What is the level of my obedience in doing that?**

**Luk 5:20 When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."**

- **Jesus is somewhat baiting them.** The religious leaders knew that only God can forgive sins. So they are upset at what they are hearing!

**Luk 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"**

- **Stepping right into Jesus' trap, the religious leaders correctly saw these terms as terms only to be used by God.** Only God can forgive sin! Such an assault on the name of God was punishable by death, (Lev 24:23).
- **Was it blasphemous if He were not God?** Yes. If He were not God, He was speaking blasphemy.

**Luk 5:22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?"**

- **Jesus' subsequent healing of the man was proof that He did have the authority** to forgive sins; therefore, He should be accepted as God!

**Luk 5:23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you.' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?**

- **What is easier to say, showing that your words have power? Is it easier to say your sins are forgiven?** You could say it, but how can you prove it? How can people prove that you could not really forgive sins? You cannot see it! It is an inward work within the spirit of man that cannot be observed readily. In time it can be observed but it is not observed immediately.
- **But if you say to a man who is paralyzed there on the cot, "Rise up and walk."** That is altogether different, because now whether or not there is power in your words can easily be proved! If the man rises up and walks, then it proves that there's power in what you said. You spoke with authority and power. If the man just maybe struggles a bit, tries to get up and then falls back on the couch, then there is no power in what you said. So, it is easy to prove whether or not there's true power in the word that you spoke!

**Luk 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man (first use in Luke, title of Deity in the form of a man) has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."**

- **Jesus said, I am giving this to you as a proof** that you might know that I do have the power here on earth to forgive sins.
- **He said to the man who was paralyzed, I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house!** All right, we are putting it on the line. This is it! If the fellow lies there, Jesus is totally discredited.

**Luk 5:25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.**

- **Don't you know he did? He was probably glorifying God** just as much for the fact that his sins were forgiven as for the fact that he was walking again! Glory! My sins are forgiven!

- **Glorifying God! Paralytic, your sins are forgiven you! How appreciative and thankful am I that my sins are forgiven? Do I even partially grasp the enormity of that statement? How grateful am I to the Lord for that statement? Am I really glorifying God for this?**

*Luk 5:26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"*

- Jesus said, (*Mat 5:16*) *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.* Certainly, He was an example of that! When He would do these good works, the people would glorify God. He always did them in such a way as they brought glory to God!
- **They glorified God! Do I likewise always do what He wants me to do in such a way that all the glory goes to Him? How much of "me" is lifted up in the recounting of the Lord doing a mighty work?**

**Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew) - Luk 5:27 After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me."**

- A tax collector was a hated individual, always considered a collaborator with Rome. He collected taxes for Rome, and they had many different taxes the Roman government had exacted on them.
- **The Romans collected taxes through a system, known as "tax farming."** They assessed a fixed tax figure and sold the rights to collect them to the highest bidder, which invites extortion! They had the Poll Tax that everybody had to pay. They had a ten percent income tax! Then there were taxes for transporting goods, where you had to pay so much tax for how many wheels you had on your cart. You had to pay tax for the goods that you were transporting from one area to another. It was this kind of a Customs Officer that Levi was a rich man but of a low life! He was there collecting taxes for Rome. Tax collectors were notable crooks.
- **The call of Levi was the culmination of the previous two miracles.** Jesus had shown that He had the authority to make a person ceremonially clean and to forgive sins! Interestingly, they discovered in some of the writings in Greek they found a notation that marveled that there was actually an honest tax collector, which was really rare, as they were notably dishonest. Anything that they could collect above the quota was their own and thus all the tax collectors were very dishonest, as well as hated. Here is a "tax collector named Levi, sitting there at his toll booth: and Jesus said to him, *Follow Me.*"

*Luk 5:28 So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.*

- *Left all.* Levi (Matthew) made a definite break, once and for all, from his old life!
- *Followed Him.* The tense here is continuous, once and for all. **Have I made that break?**

*Luk 5:29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.*

- Having followed Jesus, he now wants to introduce Jesus to his friends. About the only friends a tax collector had were other tax collectors. So, he invited all these tax collector friends that they might meet Jesus.

*Luk 5:30 And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"*

*Luk 5:31 Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*

*Luk 5:32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

- **Not the righteous, but sinners to repentance!** Jesus was not concerned here about discussing who were the righteous. He says simply that His mission was to those in need of "repentance, which was and is a change of heart and a change of life! The Pharisees did not sense any need to change, having no concern for the sinners, actually distancing themselves from God!
- **They should have read their own Scriptures! How true that was for them on that day and how true that is for us today! (*Mic 6:8*) He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? (*Mat 9:13*) But go and learn what this means: 'I DESIRE MERCY AND NOT SACRIFICE.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."** These quotes are condemning Israel for attention to ritual and ceremony rather than caring for others! The ceremonies are not to replace the reality of showing the heart of God! (*Mat 5:7*) *Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.*

***A Question About Fasting - Luk 5:33 Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"***

- Here at the house of Levi, the guests were into John the Baptist, Old Testament ceremonial things. The Pharisees said that godly people should fast two times a week, on Mondays and Thursdays.

***Luk 5:34 And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?***

- While the bridegroom is there, it is party time.

***Luk 5:35 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days.***

- That Greek word “taken away” is “taken away by force” referring to the cross. Jesus is saying to celebrate! The Messiah is among them for now!

***Luk 5:36 Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old.***

- They did not know anything about sanforized shrinking in those days, so that new cloth when it was washed would always shrink. You would make the garment several bigger sizes than it needed to be and then you would wash it and get it down to size. But the shrinking of the cloth was always expected. That is why if you had an old garment, you would not sew a new patch on it. Because the first time you washed it, the new patch would shrink, just making the tear worse in the old garment.

***Luk 5:37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined.***

- The bottles were leather skins, and He said you do not put the new wine in the old skins. If you did, it would cause an immediate fermentation process of the old wine that was in the old skin. You pour the new wine in; it would start an immediate fermentation process which would create gases that would swell, and it would burst the old skin, and it would all just pour out. So, you would put the new juice into new supple leather skins.
- Jesus' response was that His Way, the new way, and the old way, which was the way of John the Baptist and the Pharisees, simply do not mix! He gave three examples of two things that do not mix: A bridegroom's guests; A time of feasting and a time of fasting; A new unshrunk patch of cloth; and new wine is not put into old wineskins.

***Luk 5:38 But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.***

- The new wine is preserved in the new wineskin. He is talking to the scribes and Pharisees, and they are locked in the old traditional religious system. Jesus is saying, Look, I am bringing new wine, but you just cannot put it in those old skins. A new piece of cloth but you cannot sew it on to the old garment. Otherwise, it will just rip the garment. Or otherwise, it will just break the old skin.
- The reformation of an old religious system is probably an impossibility. Once the old skins get set, they are not able to receive a new work of God's Spirit. They are too rigid. It is sad, but true. There are many people like the Pharisees who have been locked by tradition into an old religious system.

***Luk 5:39 And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.' "***

- You have seen it. People who are so set in their ways are not even willing to try a change. They are not interested in what God might be doing today. They are more interested in what God did five hundred or thousands of years ago but were not interested in what God might be wanting to do today because they are locked in their religious traditions. What Jesus is speaking about here is something that is quite common and continues to the present time.
- People who are locked in their old traditional systems just cannot take a new fresh work of God in their hearts and in their lives. The Pharisees were locked in their traditions. Often Jesus came against them because of their rigid position in their traditions, rebuking them because actually they were putting their traditions above the word of God. Not just on an equal par with God's word but above God's word!
- Jesus said, you just do not put the new wine in the old skins. He was creating a new order with His disciples. That God might pour His Spirit and this new work of God's Spirit into the new skins. But

even the new skins have become old. So, God when He desires to work a fresh new work seems to always go outside of the system and starts a whole new work.

- **It does not take long, unfortunately, for systems to become rigid, to become established,** to develop their own traditions and their own ruts. It is so easy to get in a rut. This is the way we have done it; this is the way we have been doing it for the past fifteen years and I do not see any need or reason for change. People get in ruts so easily. We must remember the only difference between a rut and a grave is the length and the depth. **God keep us from the ruts lest they become graves!**
- **Lord, keep us ever supple and pliable. Keep us, Lord, from rigidity that would preclude our receiving any fresh work of Your Spirit.** May we always be open to receive. Free us Lord from any traditions that may have begun to develop. Help us Lord to always walk in an openness before You, ready to hear! Ready to receive! Ready to respond! Ready to obey! In Jesus' name we ask it, Amen.

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- ***How is my prayer life, especially praying alone with Him? Is there too much talk about prayer and its importance, and not enough prayer? Am I really praying after the manner of Jesus? (Luk 5:16)***
- ***Noting the efforts of bringing the paralytic to Christ, how much effort am I exerting to bring an unbeliever to Christ? What is the level of my commitment, my preparation and follow-up? What is the level of my obedience in doing that? (Luk 5:19)***
- ***Glorifying God! Paralytic, your sins are forgiven you! How appreciative and thankful am I that my sins are forgiven? Do I even partially grasp the enormity of that statement? How grateful am I to the Lord for that statement? Am I really glorifying God for this? (Luk 5:20,25)***
- ***They glorified God! Do I likewise always do what He wants me to do in such a way that all the glory goes to Him? How much of "me" is lifted up in the recounting of the Lord doing a mighty work? (Luk 5:26)***

CLOSING SONG – (Luk 5:13a) *Then He put out His hand and touched him!*

**HE TOUCHED ME!** – William Gaither (3:17/3:21)

*Shackled by a heavy burden, 'Neath a load of guilt and shame.  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, And now I am no longer the same.*

*Refrain: He touched me, Oh He touched me, And oh the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.*

*Since I met this blessed Savior, Since He cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise Him, I'll shout it while eternity rolls. (Refrain)*

#### CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study *Luke Chapter 6!*