

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on Him to hear the word of God, He saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

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When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if You say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

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But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Him.

What do you want most in life?

1. Money
2. Time
3. Thoughts

What do you want most in life?

- Financial comfort
- Job w/meaning and clout
- Epic children
- Good health
- Regular fun experiences
- Soul mate
- Sexual fulfillment
- Instafame
- Self-autonomy & expression

The American Dream. The Good Life.

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“Get More”

1. Inadequacy Marketing
2. Planned Obsolescence
3. Perceived Obsolescence
4. Consumer Credit
5. Targeted Ads & Big Data

“Do You”

“Be you! You are who you are! Follow your heart. Do whatever you feel. Live free. Be authentic. Don't conform – to societal standards, to your mom and dad, to the church, to political authority, to any external authority. Don't look out, look within. You do you.”

“Do You”

We are one of the first societies in all of recorded human history that thinks “The Good Life” is all about doing whatever you feel like.

“Do You”

The way to define your identity is not to exercise self-control over the desires inside, but instead to listen to them, express them, create an identity around them, champion them, then destroy anyone who threatens them.

Maybe constantly indulging on more and more isn't the path to inner peace and contentment?

Maybe doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it isn't wise, healthy, or considerate?

Maybe “Get More” & “Do You” isn’t capable of giving us happiness, meaning, and significance?

The American Dream or The American Demise?

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We cannot escape the promise
that we can have it all.

We also cannot escape the truth
we can't have it all.

Luke 5:4

“Put out into the deep water
and let down your nets for a catch.”

Luke 5:5

Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if You say so, I will let down the nets."

Luke 5:10-11

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The Identity Shift

1. I am a sinner, unworthy.
2. Yet I have nothing to fear in Jesus.
3. He is the leader.
4. I am a follower of His.
5. I am a fisher of others.

This is a gospel of **self-sacrifice** instead of self-fulfillment,
self-denial instead of self-expression.

It's not "get more" but **surrender all**.
It's not "do you" but **deny self**.

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2 Peter 1:3

By His divine power, God has given us everything
we need for living a godly life.

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Matthew 13:44-46

God's kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic—what a find!—and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field. Or, God's kingdom is like a jewel merchant on the hunt for excellent pearls. Finding one that is flawless, he immediately sells everything and buys it.