



What makes a net?

Matthew 4:18-22

- ❖ *Vs 19, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men..."*
- ❖ *But I don't care about the condition of your nets.*
- ❖ *Vs 21, they were mending their nets when He called them*
- ❖ *They understood the need to keep their nets in good repair*
- ❖ **String vs. Nets**

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3 ½ years later...

- ❖ **John 21:1-11**
- ❖ *Vs 6, "And He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish."*

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Human nets ...String vs. Nets

- ❖ *The **condition of the nets** is our responsibility*
- ❖ *The **timing of the catch** is His.*
- ❖ **John 6:44**, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him"

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- ❖ **John 21:3**, "That night they caught nothing."
- ❖ *But **Jesus says** to cast their net again, and...*
- ❖ *Peter had been here before -*
- ❖ **Luke 5:4-6**, "When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 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." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking."

Word” here is **Rhema**

Obedience to what He says is our responsibility...

The **obedience of the fish** is His

Vs 6, “And He said to them, ‘**Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.**’ **So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.**”

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They did not need:

- ❖ *New nets*
- ❖ *A new boat*
- ❖ *Better bait*
- ❖ *Better fishin buddies*
- ❖ *A different lake to fish in*
- ❖ *(If fishing for Jesus somewhere else is more important than fishing for Him where you are...you should move there)*

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What they needed was:

- ❖ *Faithfulness to **what He said already**, and*
- ❖ *Faith to listen for **the next thing He would say***

Acts 1:14, “**These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.**”

Acts 2:1, “**When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**”

They were **keeping** their nets in good repair,

And **waiting for Him** in faith.

They no longer wanted fish **they** could catch

These last weeks of **VBS preparation**

Have seen God’s people **keeping their nets well**

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What our nets are made of

- ❖ *Loving **God***
- ❖ *Loving **God’s people***
- ❖ *Loving **those around us***
- ❖ *We love God with **the love we receive** from Him*
- ❖ *We love each other with **His love***
- ❖ *We love those around us with **the love we share***
- ❖ *Each is built with the love before it, and added to it*

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- ❖ ***Acts 2:42-46** – Nets in good repair*
- ❖ ***Vs 47** – The catch*
- ❖ *Does **our relationship** with each other...*

- ❖ *Form **the secure net** God would draw others to?*
- ❖ *He calls us to **do our part...***
- ❖ *And promises to **do His***
- ❖ ***Let's fish** with confidence*