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JULY-AUGUST 2019
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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

Sunday, June 30th, 2019

Making disciples of Jesus, gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.



THE MIRACULOUS CATCH OF FISH
Rev. Canon George Sinclair - Rector



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GROWING IN GRACE

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

1. What the Lord commands I will do.
2. I will turn from all idols and follow Jesus.
3. My "functional" God is too small - Lord, grow my understanding of You.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading:

Heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus Christ is true man and true God and to know Him is to receive eternal life. Please send the Holy Spirit upon me with fresh power that I may be gripped by the Gospel; know how present and powerful You are; and keep myself from idols. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

"And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

1 John 5:20-21

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

On Leaving Everything

Dear Friends,

What does Luke mean in Luke 5:1-11, when he says that after the miraculous catch of fish the men left everything and followed Jesus? It is a very graphic picture. The stunned crowd watching, as fish surge into the nets, so many fish that the boats start to sink; Peter kneeling at Jesus' feet as the fish flop around him; the boat finally coming to shore, heavy-laden with fish; then Peter, John and James (and unnamed others) leaving the boats and nets and fish on the shore to follow Jesus. As Luke summarizes it, "They left everything and followed Him." Luke 5:11b ESV.

It seems obvious that this says something about the Christian life and following Jesus. Am I a second or third class Christian because I have a home and a car? Do real Christians leave literally everything? Are my non-Christian friends' right in saying we Christians don't really believe and follow the Bible because we pick and choose when to be literal and what we want to obey? What should we do?

Believe it or not there is a piece of ancient wisdom which helps us. This "wisdom" is not novel or unique. It merely encapsulates what the Bible itself teaches and what wise Christians have always understood about reading, understanding, and applying the Bible. It is Article 20 from the Anglican 39 Articles written in the mid-1500s. By the way, the 39 Articles are a foundational part of the historic, biblical orthodox Anglican way. Here it is in modern English courtesy of "The Church Society":

"20. The Authority of the Church. The Church has authority to decree forms of worship and ceremonies and to decide in controversies concerning the faith. However, it is not lawful for the church to order anything contrary to God's written word. Nor may it expound one passage of scripture so that it contradicts another passage. So, although the church is a witness and guardian to Holy Scripture, it must not decree anything contrary to Scripture, nor is it to enforce belief in anything additional to Scripture as essential to salvation."

The whole article is very wise, but note the bit about "not interpreting one part of Scripture so that it contradicts another passage". So to Luke and "leaving everything" to follow Jesus. If this was the only text in the Bible about the Christian life and following Jesus, then we should take it in its full literal sense. However, there are many passages in the Bible which touch on following Jesus and the Christian life, so we take each text literally, but look at all the texts together to understand what it means to follow Jesus. When we look at all the texts, a fuller picture emerges. First, we must be prepared to lose everything. In some parts of the world, that is the cost of following Jesus. Second, we learn that the Acts and the Epistles that people owned property; continued to have jobs; had wives and families. This is recorded in a matter-of-fact-way, not as an example of sin. It is by reading all of the Bible that we understand the parts, and it is by reading each part of the Bible that we come to understand the whole. Quick answer as to what it means to everyone to follow Jesus and leave everything behind. We find our identity, our confidence, our purpose, and our hope in many things – we are to leave all these behind and get our identity, confidence, purpose and hope in following Jesus.

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