

Luka 5:1-11

Petro alishindwa hapa katika eneo moja la maisha ambako angepaswa kuwa na udhibiti. Jibu lake lilikuwa kumchochea Yesu ili asipaswi kukabiliana na kushindwa kwake mwenyewe na kutostahili: "Ondoka kutoka kwangu Bwana!" Daima ni rahisi kushinikiza mbali, au kuua, wale ambao hutuleta uso kwa uso na sisi wenyewe kuliko ni kukabiliana na ukweli wa sisi sisi. Hii inakumbuka majibu ya watu wa Nazareti kwa Yesu, na haitarajii tu njia ya Yesu kupitia Luka hadi kusulubiwa lakini pia ya wanafunzi wenyewe kupitia Matendo. Hata hivyo wakati huu wa udhalilishaji, Petro alikuja uso kwa uso naye mwenyewe akakiri, "Mimi ni mtu mwenye dhambi." Kukiri hii ilikuwa alama ya kugeuka katika maisha ya Simoni, na ikawa ufafanuzi wa majibu ya utimilifu kwa Yesu (Luka 5:32). (Dennis Bratcher, 2018).

Neema ya bei nafuu ni msamaha wa kuhubiri bila kuhitaji toba, ubatizo bila nidhamu ya kanisa, Kombe bila kukiri, msamaha bila kukiri binafsi. Neema ya bei nafuu ni neema bila ufundi, bila msalaba, neema bila Yesu, hai na mwili. Neema ya gharama kubwa ... ni wito wa Yesu Kristo ambapo mwanafunzi huacha nyavu zake na kumfuata. Neema hiyo ni ya gharama kubwa kwa sababu inatuita tufuate, na ni neema kwa sababu inatuita tufuate Yesu Kristo. Ni ya gharama kubwa kwa sababu hupunguza mtu maisha yake, na ni neema kwa sababu inampa mtu uhai wa kweli. Ni gharama kubwa kwa sababu inakataza dhambi, na neema kwa sababu inampa haki mwenye dhambi. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1937).

Februari Kumfuata Kristo:

Fungua moyo wako na akili yako kwa Yesu. Mpendeni, na kumruhusu muda na chumba cha kusema upendo na neema katika maisha yako. Hebu Bwana awafundishe. Kati ya neema inayotolewa kwako, fanya muda wa kuwa rafiki na mtu. Mpendeni Yesu pamoja.

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Peter was humbled here in the one area of life where he should have been in control. His reaction was to push Jesus away so he would not have to face his own failure and inadequacy: "Go away from me Lord!" It is always easier to push away, or kill, those who bring us face to face with ourselves than it is to face the truth of who we are. This recalls the reaction of the people of Nazareth to Jesus, and anticipates not only the path of Jesus through Luke to the crucifixion but also of the disciples themselves through Acts. Yet in this moment of humiliation, Peter came face to face with himself and confessed, "I am a sinful man." This confession marked a turning point in Simon's life, and became the definition of a faithful response to Jesus (Luke 5:32). (Dennis Bratcher, 2018).

Cheap grace is preaching forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, pardon without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, without the cross, grace without Jesus, living and incarnate. Costly grace...is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows Him. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man His life, and it is grace because it gives a person true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1937).

February Discipleship:

Open your heart and mind to Jesus. Love Him, and allow Him time and room to speak love and grace into your life. Let the Lord disciple you. Out of the grace offered to you, make time to befriend someone. Love Jesus together.

Next week: *Dr. Rhonda Carrim*

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Nguvu ya Yesu

MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 138*

Jumatatu: *Luka 3:21-22*

Jumanne: *2 Petro 1:16-21*

Jumatano: *Zaburi 18:1-6*

Alhamisi: *Zaburi 18:17-19*

Ijumaa: *1 Yohana 3:1-3*

Jumamosi: *Zaburi 127:1-2*

Ee Bwana, nimesikia ripoti kuhusu Wewe, na ninaogopa wakati ninapofikiria yote uliyoyafanya. Ee Milele, onyeshwa kazi yako katika maisha yetu; Ufunulie kati yetu katika nyakati zetu. Kwa hasira yako Bwana, kumbuka huruma yako.

Habakuki 3:2

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The Power of Jesus

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalms 138*

Monday: *Luke 3:21-22*

Tuesday: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

Wednesday: *Psalms 18:1-6*

Thursday: *Psalms 18:17-19*

Friday: *1 John 3:1-3*

Saturday: *Psalms 127:1-2*

O Lord, I have heard the reports about You, and I am in awe when I consider all You have done. O Eternal One, revive Your work in our lifetime; reveal it among us in our times. In Your anger Lord, remember Your compassion.

Habakkuk 3:2