

# Luke 5:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

## Analysis

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When he left speaking he said to Simon Launch out into deep let down nets for draught. When left speaking teaching concluded transition to miracle. To Simon directly addresses Peter not all fishermen. Launch out into deep anabasis orders contradicts fishing wisdom. Deep water not where fish congregate. Let down nets plural suggests large catch. For draught agra specifically catch of fish. Jesus command seems foolish contradicts professional experience. Test of obedience faith Peter faces choice trust expertise or trust Jesus word. Reformed theology emphasizes faith often requires acting contra human wisdom. God ways higher than our ways His commands may seem foolish but obedience brings blessing. Jesus tests Peter before calling him tests reveal character prepare for ministry.

## Historical Context

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Professional fishermen knew when where how to fish. Nighttime was prime fishing time shallow water more productive. Jesus command violated fishing wisdom. Deep water open sea daylight wrong conditions. Peter already tired from night work cleaning nets. Jesus request seemed unreasonable. Yet this unreasonable command would demonstrate Jesus supernatural knowledge power prepare Peter for ministry requiring faith beyond human understanding. Peter later ministry would similarly require trusting God against human wisdom reason. Early church faced many humanly impossible situations required faith in God supernatural provision power.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus command to launch into deep challenge trust in human expertise versus divine wisdom?
2. When has God called you to obey despite circumstances contradicting wisdom?

## Interlinear Text

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ὡς	δὲ	ἐπαύσατο	λαλῶν	εἶπεν	πρὸς	τὸν	Σίμωνα
when	Now	he had left	speaking	he said	unto	G3588	Simon
G5613	G1161	G3973	G2980	G2036	G4314		G4613
Ἐπανάγαγε	εἰς	τὸ	βάθος	καὶ	χαλάσατε	τὰ	δίκτυα
Launch out	for	G3588	the deep	and	let down	G3588	nets
G1877	G1519		G899	G2532	G5465		G1350
ὑμῶν	εἰς	ἄγρην					
your	for	a draught					
G5216	G1519	G61					

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 21:6** (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

**Matthew 17:27** (Parallel theme): Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

