

Luke 5:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

Analysis

They beckoned unto partners in other ship that they should come help them. Beckoned dieneusân signaled unable to shout nets straining. Partners koinōnoi business partners James John. Other ship second boat needed for catch. Come help assistance required catch too large. Filled both ships plērōō completely full almost sinking. Partnership proves valuable crisis requires cooperation. Jesus blessing exceeds individual capacity requires community. Picture of kingdom harvest too large for individual workers requires cooperative ministry. Reformed theology emphasizes church as community body with diverse gifts working together. Evangelism discipleship ministry require partnership not lone rangers. The catch size points to future harvest souls responding to gospel preaching.

Historical Context

Fishing partnerships were economic necessity sharing boats nets labor costs profits. James John sons of Zebedee were partners with Peter Andrew. Families likely had long business relationship. These partnerships formed basis for apostolic band. Jesus called men who already knew how to work together. Ministry partnerships built on existing relationships. Zeal without wisdom burns out. Partnership provides accountability support multiplication of ministry. Early church practiced team ministry Paul always traveled with companions. Apostles sent out in pairs. Modern missions emphasizes team approach avoiding lone missionary model.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the overwhelming catch requiring partnership picture kingdom ministry?
2. What does Jesus blessing exceeding individual capacity teach about need for community in ministry?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Galatians 6:2 (Parallel theme): Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Philippians 4:3 (Parallel theme): And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

Acts 11:25 (Parallel theme): Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

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