

God's Design For You

THE PROCESS OF BECOMING WHO GOD HAS DESIGNED US TO BE

I. Jesus asked Peter to help Him help the people (*Luke 5:1-3 NLT*)

- A. The request was not too much for Peter
 - 1. He had the experience and resources to help
 - 2. The cost was in time and energy
- B. Becoming who God has designed will involve using our time, talents, and resources to help others
 - 1. God's kingdom is counter-cultural and will always involve serving/helping others
 - 1. There is a cost - time, energy, effort, money, commitment
 - 2. There is also a blessing (*John 13:14-17 NLT*)

III. Peter took the risk of trusting the Lord even though it did not make rational sense (*Luke 5:4-7 NLT*)

- A. Peter already proved the fish were not there - fished all night with nothing
 - 1. Experienced fishermen did not fish in the daytime
 - 2. But Peter responded the right way - at Your I will, and he did
- B. Becoming who God designed for us to be involves learning to trust the Lord and His word to us
 - 1. We start our life with the Lord by trusting Him
 - 2. Trust involves obeying/acting on His written word and what He speaks to our hearts by the Holy Spirit (*2 Corinthians 5:7 NLT*)

III. Peter had to move past his sense of guilt/shame to receive what Jesus had for him (*Luke 5:8-11 NLT*)

- A. Peter was very aware of his sin/shortcomings
 - 1. Asked the Lord to leave him
 - 2. Overwhelmed by the Lord's goodness and the massive catch of fish
 - 3. But Jesus had a bigger design for Peter - to fish for people
- B. Becoming who God designed for us to be means we have to move past our sense of deficiencies to receive His perspective of us
 - 1. Too often, we judge ourselves by our weaknesses and shortcomings
 - 2. The truth is that we have been changed (*Ephesians 4:21-24 CSB*)