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COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (12) **“They Forsook All, And Followed Him”** “And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him” (Luke 5:10–11).

Jesus changed the course of Peter’s life on the day that he showed up at Peter’s job. And perhaps there is some significance to Jesus coming to Peter on the job rather than at his house, or wherever he might have dined, or even in a synagogue setting. Jesus came and effected change in one of the most crucial spheres of a person’s life, the sphere of work and support for family and self.

Wherever any one of us might work, imagine what it would be for us to be met on the job by Jesus. He walks into your factory, or bank, or school, or church building. He asks what you do on the job, and suddenly, the production soars, the unlearned are educated, the loans close, the church prospers. He shows that when he is directly involved you cannot help but to be successful. Jesus always makes a difference in what we seek to accomplish.

We should consider at this point how different things are when we actually do seek the counsel, support, and involvement of the Lord. Should we not pray before we act? Should we not invite the Lord when we are striving to get things accomplished? Should we not work to make the finished product the result of a collaborative effort between ourselves and the Lord? All in life is different when we do what we do “as to the Lord” and with the Lord.

When Jesus caused Peter’s production to soar, Peter realized that he did not deserve the presence of the Lord. Many people struggle with why the Lord has not provided what they believe they deserve. Whatever Peter believed he deserved, when the catch of fish was hauled in, he ran to admit that the level of support the Lord gave him was above his righteousness scale. He pleads for the Lord to depart from him. But thank God for the response of Jesus and heaven. Peter is told not to fear (Luke 5:10). And within the same conversation

he informed him that he would be changing job locations. This is an interesting episode in the ministry of Jesus and in the life of Peter.

Peter is perhaps one of the more colorful apostles in the gospel story. He is often remembered for this several attempts to lead in doing and saying the right thing. When Jesus walks on water, Peter attempts to do the same (Matthew 14:28). When Jesus is transfigured, Peter offers to build tabernacles (Matthew 17:4). When Jesus washes feet, Peter asks that his hands and head be included (John 13:9). When Jesus is to be arrested in the garden, Peter slashes off a servant’s ear (Matthew 26:51). When Jesus is tried, Peter warms himself by the fire, denying Jesus, until the moment he hears the cock crow, and then goes off weeping (Luke 22:55–62). Peter is some character! But whatever positive or negatives others might highlight, all must admit that Peter was somewhere trying to do his best for the cause of Christ.

We should be reminded that serving the Lord does not mean that one always says the right thing, has the right answer, demonstrates the appropriate faith, stands up at all crucial moments. What we should determine is, given the help of the Lord, we are at the very least going to make an effort to do our best.

When we are called to walk on water, ask the Lord, “if it is you, bid me come.” When we behold his majesty, ask the Lord how to respond. When the way of the Lord is threatened, be prepared to go to war. And when standing as the center of attention, being told that your speech betrays you, decide that you will not deny. We do well to remind ourselves that when we strive to do for the Lord, our help will come.

Peter thought that the help Jesus supplied was evidence enough to no longer be

in his presence. Jesus spoke to the plan and purposes of God. Peter is told not to fear. He is informed of his “henceforth.” “From henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him” (Luke 5:11).

There were a few things that Peter and his partners had to take care of before becoming fishers of men. Peter had come to shore to implore Jesus to depart from him. Once Jesus spoke of his future, Peter and the others had to bring their boats to land. This is an important step in one’s acceptance to the call of ministry in the kingdom of God. If one is going to be effective and productive, ships will have to be brought to land. Whatever your ship is, Jesus is worth you bringing it to land.

Jesus knew that in spite of Peter’s sinfulness, God saw the good in him. In spite of all of our bad, God sees the good in us. Jesus saw beyond the misspeaks Peter would utter, beyond the failures and tentativeness. Jesus could see Peter as a stone, calling him Cephas (John 1:42). And eventually Peter does become a solid figure in the church of Christ. The Ephesians are told that the church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone (Ephesians 2:20).

Jesus saw more in Peter. Jesus could see that when Peter’s ship was brought to land, he and his partners had faith enough to leave all and to follow him. And herein is the challenge for all who would serve the Lord. When he visits us on the factory line, will we forsake all and follow him? When he walks into our offices at our jobs, will we follow him? When he arrives in our medical settings, where we spend our days caring for the health of others, will we follow him?

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2015 THEME: "IN ALL THINGS, EXAMPLES OF GOOD DEEDS" (TITUS 2:7)

CHURCH LEADERS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive on December 20th at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS
Our Men's and Ladies' Bible class will meet today at 5 p.m. We are encouraging all of our members to attend.

Any students who made Honor Roll 1st Quarter, please sign the list in the foyer and turn in a copy of your Report Card to Bro. Roy Oliphant or Bro. Adolphus Coplin. Honor Roll Recognition will be held December 6, 2015.



Men's Social Outing Atlanta, GA
December 5, 2015 Sign Up in Foyer!!
Please sign up by Nov. 29th

Sunshine Ministry presents the Holiday Card Exchange. No postage or address information required. Winter Wonderland Post Office will open Sunday, December 6th.

2015 MEN'S RETREAT

DECEMBER 10TH – 12TH
CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER
4756 CARAWAY MOUNTAIN RD., SOPHIA, NC



Registration Information located in foyer.



NATIONAL EVENT

National Lectureship
(March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN
Visit www.nlcoc2016.com for more information.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st, Justun Green; 5th Eric I. Nelson;
7th Cleveland Reed; 8th Joshua Caruthers, A.J. Crim; 10th Chelsea Cook; 14th George McNair; 16th Courtney Thomas; 17th Adolphus Coplin; 18th Tevin Loyd; 19th Kolbe Adkins; 20th Cynthia Judge; 23rd D.J. Crim; 25th Howard A. Brown, Tomisha Gaither; 28th Kim McNair, Elizabeth Oliver



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

Fall Revival- December 6th—9th
Sanford Church of Christ
2404 Hawkins Ave.
Sanford, NC 27330

Gospel Meeting –December 11th –13th
Eastside Church of Christ
536 Barbara Jane Ave.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101



Southwestern Christian College Lectureship

November 22nd— 26th, 2015



KURIAKOS HOUSE

Don't forget to visit the Kuriakos House table located in the foyer for events and happenings. You may contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336)767-4201 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Clothing Bank Open House

December 13, 2015 following morning worship service. Come and walk through to see what is available.



YOUTH NEWS

Reading Safari Club -- Stay Tuned for the next Reading Safari event! Continue Reading!!!.....

Your Safari Guide, Sis. Caruthers



38 years– Roy & Edelina Oliphant– 5th
3 years- Arnold & Wendy Thomas– 8th
36 years- Marion & Hazel Gordon– 17th
55 years-- Johnny & Shirley Correll– 24th
29 years- James & Angela Miller– 29th

Welcome

**ALL VISITORS!
YOU ARE OUR
HONORED
GUESTS!**

CORNELIUS CORNER:

Special Adaptive Housing (SAH) grants help Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment. SAH grants can be used to adapt a home to the special needs of a disabled veteran, build a home on land already owned or apply the grant against the unpaid principle mortgage. Check it out at www.benefits.va.gov.

PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY & THROUGH THIS WEEK

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Bro. Dwight Correll
 Sis. Imogene Bray
 Bro. Leroy Nelson
 Bro. Barry Harper
 Sis. Georgia Glenn
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR NOVEMBER

John Foxworth
 (336) 918-6359

RESPONSIVE READING

Eph. 1: 4-9

READER: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

CHURCH: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

READER: To the praise of the glory of his grace wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved:

CHURCH: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace

READER: Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

UNISON: Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he had purposed in himself:

PRAYER

Father in heaven, in everything we do we seek to please you. Create in us a proper spirit. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. James Cherry & Family, Bro. Victor Baldwin,
 Sis. Marleshia Young, Sis. Sylvia Martin,
 Bro. Kevin McLaurin, Sis. Jewel Johnson,
 Sis. Tiffany Seawright, Bro. Joseph Crim, Bro. Rodney Evans,
 Bro. Juan Williams, Sis. Decora Nivens, Bro. Joseph Transou,
 Bro. Barry Harper, Sis. Sandra Harper, Bro. Leroy Nelson,
 Sis. Lillie Nelson, Sis Diane Foxworth, Sis. Wendy Thomas



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER Andrew Jackson
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Roscoe Burgess
 INVOCATION Joseph Transou
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Oliphant
 SCRIPTURE George McNair
 RESPONSIVE Isiah Black
 PRAYER Joseph Wilson
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Rodney Evans
 LORD'S SUPPER T. J. Loyd
 READER Timothy Pilson
 CLOSING PRAYER Elliott Thompson
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Roscoe Burgess
 INVOCATION Ron Jessup
 SONG DIRECTOR Victor Baldwin
 SCRIPTURE Artis Rucker
 RESPONSIVE READING Joshua Caruthers
 PRAYER Adolphus Coplin
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Harold Brown
 LORD'S SUPPER Anthony Clinton
 CLOSING PRAYER Richard Jones
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 6:8)

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	Curtis Conner	William Scott
A. J. Crim	Braxton King	Jeff Patton
Isiah Black	Kwali Bunker	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	James Cherry	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

Michael Terry · D. J. Crim
 Elijah Gibbs · George Eichelberger



COMMENTARY CORNER

In a world where we have been convinced that our work and our jobs are our life lines, that we cannot miss a day, even when it is the Lord's day; when we are convinced that no hour offered to work is a bad hour; when we explain to others that we are scheduled to be there week after week and month after month; in a world where we have convinced ourselves that we take care of ourselves, we should be challenged to explore the question, "what if I turn all of this over to Jesus?"

What would happen if I bring this ship to land? Where would I end up if I were to turn this over to the Lord? How much good would be done if I trusted Jesus like I

have trusted my nets, my fishing lines, my strength, my partners? How blessed would my life be if I understood that to allow Jesus to direct how I do my job, how I impact the lives of others, how my life brings others to Christ is a far better way to work than to believe I am doing this on my own.

The picture painted might be assessed to be one portraying irresponsible people. Peter must have been irresponsible. But Jesus called responsible men to follow him. Peter was not a bum, he was not homeless, nor an irreligious heathen; he was not even a happy go lucky fisherman. Peter was a married man (Luke 4:38). He had a home into which he allowed his sick mother in law to be cared for (Luke 4:38). He was a

fisherman (Luke 5:2). He had both a ship and nets (5:2). He had fishing partners; he was socially adjusted (5:10). And above all of these things, Peter and his brother were already disciples of John the Baptist (John 1:35, 40). Peter was not irresponsible.

Peter was willing to forsake all. There would be changes in his family, with his jobs, with his possessions, with his friends. Peter was ready to meet these new challenges.

God knows that we need to be assured that he knows our failures and faults, but he empowers us according to our faith. Pray God that we have faith to forsake and to follow.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

Early Morning Worship.....	8 A.M.
Bible School.....	9 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10 A.M.
Evening Worship.....	6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)
(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting.....	9 A.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Clothing Bank.....	10 A.M.-12 P.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Youth Fellowship Meeting.....	10 A.M.
(2nd Saturday)	
Husbands & Fathers' Support Group...	10 A.M.
(3rd Saturday)	
Young Adult Ministry.....	6:30 P.M.
(4th Friday)	

WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Walter Weathers

BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton
Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr.
Bro. George McNair
Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.



Radio Broadcast Stations

Sundays @ 7:30 A.M.
Thursdays @ 2 P.M.
1340 AM
1400 AM
103.5 FM



YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9,10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!

CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

1st	Howard & Saroya Brown
8th	Howard & Saroya Brown
15th	Diane Foxworth & Veronica Sides
22nd	Tamah & D' Asia Williams
29th	Leah Adkins & Sherri Pilson

NURSERY DUTY

1st	TBA
8th	Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson
15th	Treva Loyd & Edelina Oliphant
22nd	Tonya Bellanger & Maegan Gomez
29th	Shundra McLaurin & Valerie Coplin

NOVEMBER GREETERS

1st	Kim McNair Shundra Mc Laurin
8th	Lillie Holmes Devonda Holmes
15th	Linda Burgess Frances Mason
22nd	Meredith Boyd Willie Mae Cherry
29th	Raymona Brown Theresa Rucker

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Edelina Oliphant



BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

Lillie Holmes
Wanda Jones
Shanita Green

ZONES

ZONE #1	Capt. Bro. J. Wilson (661-1312)
ZONE #4	Co-Capt. Bro. B. Terry (720-9694)
ZONE #5	Capt. Bro. J. Gadson (650-9693) Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
ZONE #7	Capt. Bro. J. Foxworth (924-5029) Co-Capt. Bro R. Oliphant (765-3105)
ZONE #8	Capt. Bro. R. March (727-0052) Co-Capt. Bro. R. Burgess (748-0282)