

Series: Gospel Of Luke

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Application For This Week:

This week, reflect on how grace has met you, transformed you, and now sends you. Spend time in Luke 5:1-11 each day, asking the Holy Spirit to show you where you need to trust more deeply, surrender more fully, and share more boldly. Remember: grace doesn't just save us from something—it saves us for something.

Prayer: "Father, thank You that Your grace meets us where we are, transforms us into who You've called us to be, and sends us out with purpose. Help us to trust Your word over our wisdom, to confess our sin without fear, and to live as people captured by grace and compelled by love. Give us courage to follow Jesus wholeheartedly and to share the good news of Your grace with those around us. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

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