

# UNSTUCK

Unstuck from Shame  
Luke 5:1-11  
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## Sermon Points:

1. We get unstuck when we obey Jesus willingly even when we don't have clarity. (vv. 1-7)
2. We get unstuck when seeing Jesus clearly helps us see ourselves honestly. (vv. 8-9)
3. We get unstuck when Jesus invites us to live life purposefully. (vv. 10-11)

## Questions to Consider:

1. Where in my life am I still pressing the gas—trying harder, managing the outcome, or proving myself—instead of honestly kneeling before Jesus and trusting His strength?
2. If Jesus already knows my weakness and still moves toward me, what purpose for my life have I been avoiding or do I need to pray about to gain clarity?

## Prayer Targets:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to gently reveal any places where you may feel stuck—not to bring shame, but to bring clarity, truth, and hope.
- Bring any shame or fear before Jesus, especially if you believe your sin, failure, or weakness disqualifies you from closeness with God. Pray to experience the safety of His presence rather than the fear of His rejection.
- Pray for a clearer vision of who Jesus truly is—His holiness, power, and grace—and ask that this clearer picture would lead to honest self-awareness without self-hatred.
- Ask for the courage to stop striving spiritually—to stop trying harder, hiding better, or managing appearances—and instead come honestly and humbly before Jesus.
- Pray that this message would lead beyond relief from shame and into a renewed response to Jesus' gracious invitation to a transformed, purposeful life.