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“Those with Everything Need Hold on to Nothing”

Luke 5:1-11

Our Gift to Him, His Greater Gift to Us: vs.1-3

Jesus invites Simon's help

Simon's gift to Jesus is really Jesus' gift to Simon

The analogy of a golf scramble

I need not worry so much about my skill level

I will not take credit for the victory

What an honor and joy to be with the master

Jesus is at still at work “seeking to save the lost”: see Luke 19:10

To be with the Author of Life, allowed to contribute to His Life-Giving mission

The Miraculous Catch of Fish: from zenith to ZENITH: vs. 4-7

Zenith as the highest point, the endgame, the “summum bonum” (greatest good)

Every life track has its zenith: superbowl, gold medal, president, etc.

Peter Rollins: depression and melancholy

Jesus “completes” Simon's fishing career (what could ever top this?)

At the same time showing Himself as the higher zenith

Jesus is at the center and **all** things point and are moving toward Him: Colossians 1:16-20

All dreams, all desires, all pleasures, all joy are signposts pointing to Jesus

The parable of the way-stations on the trail

The example of my own poetry quest

The challenge of looking through this lens on all of our desires and dreams

Surrender and Abundance: vs. 8-11

The abundant life Jesus promised was **Himself** (not something apart from Himself)

The error of prosperity theologies: seeing the greater as a means to the lesser

In the flush of the abundance of fish, Simon leaves everything to follow Jesus

The Treasure Hidden in the Field: Matthew 13:45

I have counted all things loss for the sake of knowing Jesus: Philippians 3:10

Having found the true zenith, to abandon the course headed for illusions is surrender

This keeps us from leaning all our weight on lesser things

Pursue Jesus **through** the lesser things, purifying those pursuits without idolizing them

Poetry Quest:

I desire to be published in a legitimate journal

Why? To be validated as someone important or significant or real

Good desire: poetry journals may give me a temporary short-lived shot

Jesus is where I will get true and lasting validation (God Who died for me)

Also I want to create a truly good poem: a good creation

Who is the Zenith when it comes to this business of good creation?

Jesus through Whom all the good creation was made!