

Therefore Came I Forth
Mark 1:29-39

Review:

1. Jesus challenges our priorities by putting prayer before action, because God is the One Whose sovereign power accomplishes His Will
2. Jesus challenges us to consider the proclamation of the gospel to be more important than meeting even the most urgent of people's physical needs
3. Jesus was willing to give up all of His life and health and strength so that the gospel might be true for us, so that we might be truly healed, restored to a right relationship with God

Reflect:

1. What are the barriers that keep you from spending more time in prayer? What can you do to remove those obstacles?
2. Are there any activities that you consider to be more important than prayer or evangelism? How do Jesus' priorities challenge your own?

Go Further: Read Luke 5:1-11

1. According to verse 1, what two things were the multitude doing? Where was Jesus?
2. According to verse 2, where were the two boats that Jesus saw, and what were the fishermen doing?
3. When Jesus climbed into Simon's boat, what did He ask Simon to do? What did Jesus begin to do afterwards?
4. After Jesus finished teaching, what two things did He tell Simon to do in verse 4?
5. According to verse 5, what was Simon's initial reaction to Jesus' directions?
6. In spite of Simon's misgivings, what did he say he would do?
7. According to verse 6, what did the fishermen catch? What happened to their nets as a result?
8. According to verse 7, what did the fishermen have to do in order to bring the fish to land? What did the quantity of fish do to their boats?
9. What did Simon do when he saw the large number of fish? What did he say to Jesus?
10. According to verse 9, how did all the fishermen react to the huge catch of fish?
11. Which fishermen are named in verse 10?
12. According to verse 10, what two things did Jesus tell Simon?
13. After the boats came to land, what two things did the fishermen do?

Summary and Application:

1. Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to get in a boat in order to teach the people? What does this tell us about the priorities of the multitude crowding around Jesus?
2. Given that Simon was a fisherman, why is his reaction in verse 8 so strange? What did his encounter with Jesus do to his priorities? What did it do to his self-image?
3. How is Jesus calling you to follow Him? Will you have to give anything up in order to do this? How does Simon's experience help you put the cost of discipleship into perspective?