

A close-up photograph of a fishing net, likely a trawl net, with a rope and a buoy. The net is illuminated by a blue light, creating a strong blue hue. The rope is thick and brown, and the buoy is a dark, rounded object. The background is dark, making the net and rope stand out.

A Call for Deeper Commitment

Luke 5:1-5:11

I. The occasion

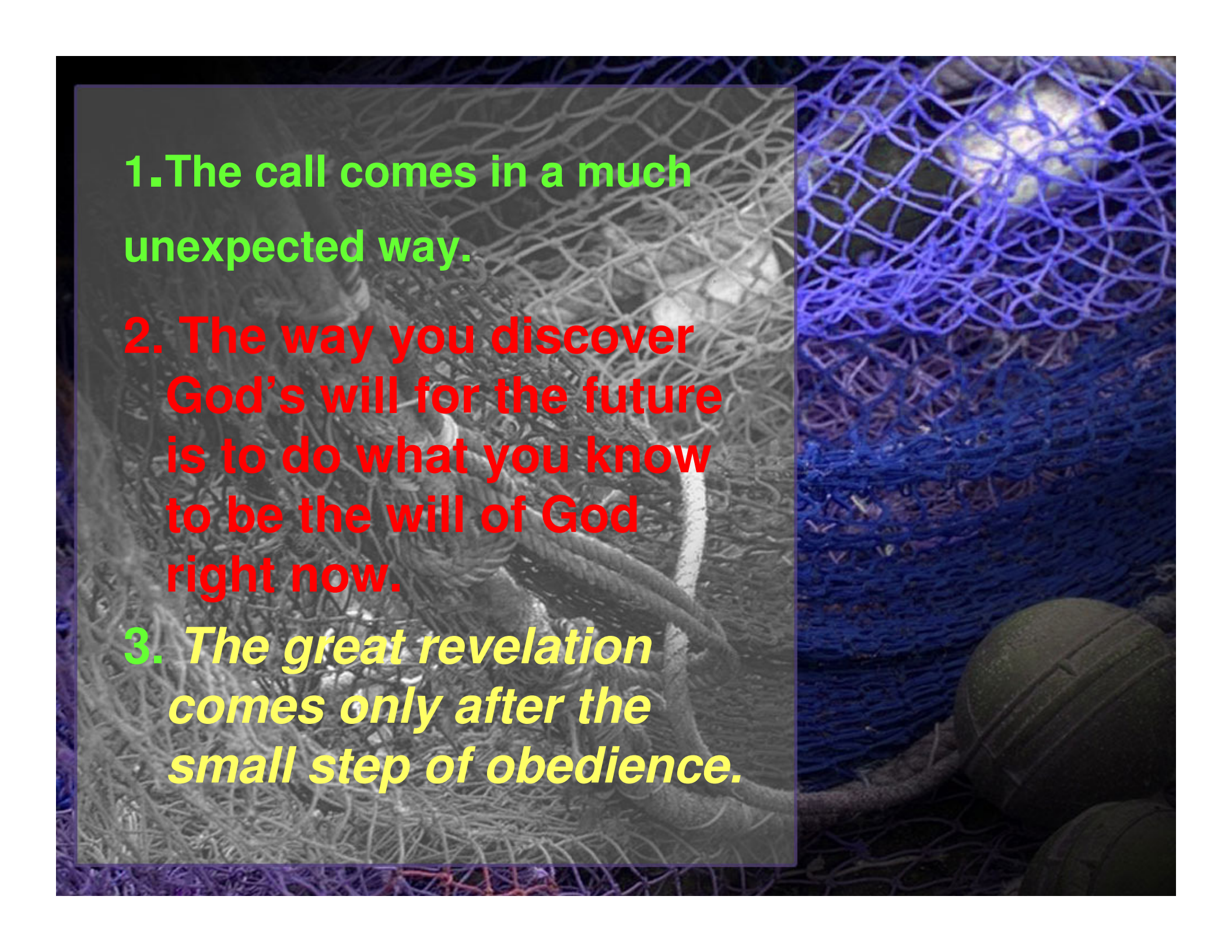
Luke 5:1 *One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God*



II. The interference of Jesus

V.2-3 *2he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.*





1. The call comes in a much unexpected way.

2. The way you discover God's will for the future is to do what you know to be the will of God right now.

3. *The great revelation comes only after the small step of obedience.*



III. The Invitation for obedience

V: *4When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."*

A photograph of a fishing net at night. The net is illuminated by a light source, creating a strong contrast between the bright blue and white mesh and the dark background. A thick rope is visible, running through the net, and a large, dark buoy is partially visible in the lower right corner. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric.

1. If we want to succeed at anything,
we must launch out into the deep.



2. Peter's response to the call

a. Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing..."



When we hear the call to
launch out deeper, we are
tempted to compromise our
obedience in several ways.

Our Friends

Our Experiences

Our Circumstances

Our Fears



b. Because you say so

C. I will let down the nets.

**“Without God we can’t; without us he won’t.”
Lloyd Ogilvie**



IV. The rewards of obedience

vv. 6-7 6When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.



Empty Nets without him; full nets with him.

Losing is easy. Winning is much harder.



V. A Confession of Inadequacy vv. 8-10a

vv. 8-10⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

A close-up photograph of a fishing net, likely made of blue and purple mesh, with a thick rope and a white buoy. The scene is illuminated by a strong blue light, creating a dramatic, high-contrast effect. The net is tangled and appears to be part of a larger fishing operation.

**To see God is to see ourselves
as we really are.**

Isaiah 6:1, 5

Job 42:5-6

Revelation 1: 17



VI. A Call to Personal Commitment

v10 b11 Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."
11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



The word “followed” is a word,
which signifies the deepest
inward attachment.

“to walk the same road.”

following in his Master’s steps



**God's will is always good, but
it's not always comfortable.
And it's certainly not
predictable.**

