

# When Jesus Pursues the Frustrated

Welcome to worship. We are delighted that you are here.

Have you ever been hopelessly unproductive and unsuccessful at something? How frustrated were you when all of your resources failed? In our sermon text today, a rabbi tells a frustrated fisherman how to fish. Peter initially objects, but finally concedes. The lessons we learn are manifold.

We will examine what happens when the Lord pursues the frustrated. What a privilege to know that the same power that prompts the Apostle Peter, and us, to fall at Jesus' feet in humble contrition and joyful worship, also lifts us up and compels us into His service.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION \* 9:00 AM Service \* Gathered Worship**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son  
to be for us a sacrifice for sin,  
and also an example of godly life:  
Give us grace to receive thankfully  
the fruits of this redeeming work,  
and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**PRELUDE . . . . . There Is a Redeemer/ I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

**CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Psalm 103:1-2**

Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**PRAYER OF ADORATION. . . . .**

**SONG FOR GATHERING . . . . . Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, no. 32**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

**HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . . Come Unto Me, Ye Weary, no. 405**

Come unto me, ye weary,  
and I will give you rest.  
O blessed voice of Jesus,  
which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
of pardon, grace, and peace,  
of joy that hath no ending,  
of love which cannot cease.

Come unto me, dear children,  
and I will give you light.  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
and we had lost our way;  
but morning brings us gladness,  
and songs the break of day.

Come unto me, ye fainting,  
and I will give you life.  
O peaceful voice of Jesus,  
which comes to end our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
the fight is fierce and long;  
but thou hast made us mighty,  
and stronger than the strong.

And whosoever cometh  
I will not cast him out.  
O patient love of Jesus,  
which drives away our doubt;  
which calls us, very sinners,  
unworthy though we be,  
of love so free and boundless,  
to come, dear Lord, to thee!

**MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION. . . . .**

Lord Jesus, the mystery of Your ways confounds us at times.  
Sometimes you ask you to do things  
that seem contrary to common sense.  
Fears multiply and faith flickers.  
We beg your pardon for the ways  
that we have doubted your promises and your power.  
Give us a broken heart over our sin  
as we marvel at Your power like Peter did long ago.  
Holy Spirit, we are reluctant to share you with others  
because others might think that we are fanatical or intolerant.  
Forgive us for the times  
that we have blushed to speak your name  
and to openly identify ourselves as Your followers.  
Show us how to live as your faithful witnesses  
for Your glory and the eternal welfare of others. AMEN.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS. . . . . John 1:29**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him,  
and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!

**SONG OF ASSURANCE. . . . . Just As I Am, no. 417**

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind -  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find -  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

**ANTHEM. . . . .Proclaim the Glory of the Lord**

Let every tongue confess He reigns,  
Lift up His name in praises forever.  
Proclaim the glory of the Lord,  
Make known His mighty deeds to all,  
Take up the call, let every nation know

He is our Messiah, our Savior and our King,  
Let all our voices join as one  
And fill the earth with singing.  
Glory to our God,  
His greatness we applaud.  
Let every race on every shore  
Proclaim the glory of the Lord.

Proclaim the glory of the Lord,  
Give honor to the Prince of Peace,  
For if we cease the stones will start shouting.  
Proclaim the glory of the Lord  
With hands uplifted let us raise  
Immortal praise to Him who reigns on high.

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**GREETINGS/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES. . . . .**

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE. . . . . Philippians 4:6-7**

Be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything  
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL READING . . . . . Luke 5:1-11**

**THE SERMON . . . . . When Jesus Pursues the Frustrated**  
*#1 in our series "When Jesus Pursues"*

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ us of His power (5:1-7)
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ us of our sin and unworthiness (5:8-10a).
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ us to engage his mission (5:10b).
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ us to value Him above all else (5:11).

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT. . . . .Jesus Calls Us, no. 478**

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

As, of old, apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

**BENEDICTION. . . . . Numbers 6:24-26**

May the LORD bless you, and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. AMEN.