

**Second Sunday in Lent 2025**  
**Who Am I?**

**Luke 5:1-11**

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him

1. Read the Gospel passage to yourself. What character - Simon Peter, James, John, Zebedee, Christ or the crowd - do you most identify with? Why?
2. Why do you think Simon Peter behaves the way he does when he sees the haul of fish? Have you ever said something similar to God?
3. What do you think the disciples had to give up to follow Jesus? How would you feel if you had to give those things up?

**2 Corinthians 4: 6-12, 16-18**

<sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

4. Read the passage over to yourself. Which words or phrases jump out at you? Why?

5. What might be the connection between the 'treasure in clay jars' and Paul's later contrast between our inner and outer natures? What's he trying to say about where our true identities and destinies lie?

6. Activity. Draw a boat surrounded by clouds. In the clouds, write down the bad or not so pleasant things about your life that you're hoping will soon pass. In the water, write down the things that are good that you are hoping - like fish - to catch. In prayer, ask Jesus to give you the strength to let go of the things that are stopping you from following him completely, and to take up the things that lead to life