

## Lectio Divina

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| > <b>Read and re-read</b> , out loud and slowly<br>the Gospel                      | > <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving - Repentance -<br>Petition         |
| > <b>Meditate</b> on reading as being spoken to<br>you, an experience in your life | > <b>Action</b> - Attitude (Call to change / to<br>act / to do) |
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### February 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 5: 1 - 11

In this week's gospel we see Jesus preaching at the Sea of Galilee. At this stage of his life Jesus had a very large crowd following him to listen to his word. He was surrounded by fishermen who had just left their boats and were washing their nets. Jesus invited Simon who was busy washing his nets and not paying attention to 'put out a little from the shore' and then asked him to go out into deep water for a catch. Simon was puzzled but out of respect he agreed and got a huge catch of fish. Because Simon obeyed, trusted and let go of his pride he was rewarded and then followed Jesus. 'Push out into the deep' the invitation given to Simon is being given to each one of us today. This is not easy and takes great trust. When we're the times in your life you took this risk and to your surprise received great graces and blessings?

#### Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the ordinary people of God who have inspired us and given us hope because of their deep faith and trust in you.

Forgive us For the times we did not leave ourselves open to the challenge given to each one of us to trust in you and believe that God knows what he is 'doing' as he constantly urges us to pull away from the shore.

Help us to embrace Gods love for us especially when like the fishermen we feel lost, weak and not worthy. God is with us and is waiting to bring us the grace to carry out the mission he has for each one of us. All we need to do is like Simon trust in him and move out of our comfort zone.

