

## A WEEKLY WORD

(Renee Noseworthy)

The Readings for the week of Feb. 6, 2022:

Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

In Luke 5:1-11, we read, *On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.*

Scripture tells us that *"without faith, it is impossible to please Him."*

This passage speaks of Simon's faith when he says, *"And when he[Jesus] had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."*

Later in the passage it says that Simon and the other fishermen heeded Jesus' words without hesitation, *"And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.*

This reading inspires me to think about my own faith. I hope it inspires all who read this to ponder that as well. When we trust Him, great things happen, as we see in this reading.