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*Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them."
John 14:23 NLT*

Christmas is... JESUS MAKING HIS HOME IN YOU

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,
Ephesians 1:17-18

When Jesus Makes His Home in Us...

HE CAPTURES OUR IMAGINATION

I. Luke 5:1-4

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He 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. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Jesus SEES THINGS DIFFERENTLY THAN WE DO

But You placed the son of man just beneath God and honored him like royalty, crowning him with glory and honor. ⁶ You ordained him to govern the works of Your hands, to nurture the offspring of Your divine

imagination; You placed everything on earth beneath his feet. Ps 8:5-6
VOICE

II. Luke 5:5-7

⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So 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.

Jesus ASKS US TO BELIEVE AND OBEY BEYOND OUR EXPERIENCE

John the Baptist testified about Him and shouted, “This is the one I’ve been telling you is coming. He is much greater than I am because He existed long before me.” ¹⁶ Through this man we all receive gifts of grace beyond our imagination. John 1:15-16 VOICE

III. Luke 5:8-11

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Jesus CALLS US TO SEE OURSELVES THE WAY HE SEES US

So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!
2 Corinthians 5:16-17 NLT