

Luke 5:1-11

It's always easier to choose convenience over obedience!

What do our lives choose?

How we spend our days is how we spend our lives.

We love Jesus best with our obedience.

"I cannot learn to love God except by learning to obey Him." CS Lewis 'nevertheless at your word...' What does the word of God do in us, and achieve..?

1 Jesus wants our undivided attention Loving attentiveness

2 Jesus is inviting a deeper experience

- Obedience is not optional for believers
 - Obedience brings blessing
- Obedience is tied to knowing God and loving Him
 "... to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."
 Worship without obedience is meaningless...

More word, more spirit, more care and more contact! Stop, listen & obey: 'just like the traffic lights...'

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GRAPEVINE for this week... Sunday 5th January 2020!

Today Johnny is preaching at 0830 at St Paul's and also in our 1030 at St Peters, and also at St Paul's tonight at 1830.

Tonight our Overflow congregation gathers tonight at 8pm also at St Peter's. **Materials from today's** message will be able on our website tomorrow, for personal use and lifegroup use this week.

What will the new year mean for you?

What edits, revisions & choices might you make...

Any feedback from Christmas 2019, email Julie by Tuesday latest, as we review & reflect on how we were able to welcome, love and serve: julie@stph.org.uk

Quiet Space at St Paul's restarts on Tuesday 7th January.

Early Morning Prayer will restart this week on Wednesday 8^{th,} 7am in the lounge. **Print materials** for the next sermon series in Philippians will launch next weekend Sunday 12th January and are on our website, in reception and with all leaders! **Invite friends and family to consider Alpha** and register their interest with Johnny **There'll be a church family update** in Johnny's next pastoral letter across our 12th January congregations, with a verbal update about the Annexe plans shared in our 1030 and 1830 congregations also.

Book in for new comms photos if you're part of our Pastoral Care Team, PCC, Safeguarding or staff teams, with Johnny: between 0930-11am on Tuesday 7th or Saturday 11th or Saturday 18th, only 5-mins needed at the Vicarage if it's not raining! Book in for either Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th January for Open House at the Vicarage, 2-4pm on either day, sign-up with Sue at the Office please.

Newcomers cuppa, cake & conversation on Sunday 2nd February at 4pm at The Vicarage for those who are newish to church life! Book in at the Office please.

Book in yourself or others if you'd like for the Active Listening Course now live, with Karen or Sue at the office on Saturday 29th February in the morning. www.stph.org.uk/post/active-listening

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