

REALLY LORD

I. WHEN YOU SAY REALLY

A. Dictionary version

1. In actual truth or fact - Winters in this part of Texas are really sweet!
2. To a great degree, very much - I really enjoyed meeting your family
3. Without a doubt - really, I enjoy coming to church early

B. Modern cultural version

1. To express skepticism, incredulous, you have got to be kidding me, are you serious

C. Our challenge is which “really” do we use with the Lord

II. THE MAN WHO GOT HIS “REALLYS” RIGHT (Luke 5:1-11 NKJ)

A. Asked to simply serve

1. Really Lord? Peter was a business owner - had partners and employees
2. Jesus was not embarrassed to ask Peter - He saw the value in teaching the people

B. A challenging decision - launch out for a catch

1. Really Lord? - Do you know what you are talking about here?
2. Had to override his feelings and reasonings
3. Acted out of obedience to the Lord - at Your word I will

C. An amazing harvest

1. Really Lord! Enough fish to fill two fishing boats
2. Peter had a part in this harvest

D. A powerful acceptance

1. Really Lord - You need to leave; this is too good
2. But Jesus accepted Peter and did not leave him

III. GETTING OUR REALLYS RIGHT

A. When asked to serve

1. May seem beneath your skill level
2. May not be convenient, you are busy
3. But really Lord Your Kingdom is greater and more valuable than anything I have going on

B. When faced with the choice to obey His word or not

1. May go against our feelings and counter-intuitive to our reasonings
2. But really Lord you are smarter and all knowing and I am not

C. When encountering God’s goodness in our life

1. Seeds of service and obedience produce good harvests (*Galatians 6:7 NJK*)
2. But really Lord You can still fill our boats - spiritually and naturally

D. When we realize God’s love and acceptance

1. Far too many disqualify themselves - conscious of their shortcomings
2. But really Lord no one is for me more (*Romans 8:31-32 NKJ*)