

Don't Give Up

Galatians 6:9

⁹And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Luke 5:4-6

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of

Gennesaret,

Hungry for the word.

²And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

Washing their nets even though they had caught nothing.

Fishermen of that day would wash their nets to get the scales, smell of other fish out- fish oil. Getting out all the debris, then lay them out to dry so they don't rot.

Day in day out same routine day after day

³And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

Because of the crowd Jesus enters Peter's boat ask Peter if he would take him a little of the shore.

So he could teach and everyone could hear Him.

Peter - why my boat, why am I stuck here?

The Lord made sure he had Peter's undivided attention.

⁴Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

Not only did he commandeer my boat now he wants to tell me how to fish.

What every good fisherman knows the best fishing is at night

Who is he to tell me how and when to fish.

⁵And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing:

You want me to do that... I am tired been going like crazy all night, which has not been very successful.

We've tried that already... Did I say we are tired... my wife is expecting me to be home...

Besides we just finished getting our nets all clean to back out tonight.

nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

Peter could have come up with every excuse in the book as to why not to do what Jesus said do...

But Peter obeyed

Even when it didn't make sense

Even though he was weary

Even though He had other things to do

He put all his desires, reasoning and traditions aside and trusted Jesus word.

⁶And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

When they obeyed His word, He blessed them

A little while ago they were ready to quit and go home

⁷And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

⁸When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

Peter's obedience to His request open the way for a life-changing blessing.

Notice he first obeyed in a very small matter... Take me out a little and hold the boat still.

*Suppose Peter had said, "Look, I'm busy
The number one excuse today.*

Anything Peter would have done other say OK would have kept Peter from receiving a greater Blessing.

Peter didn't seem to get much out of it... The blessing of Peter's obedience at that moment was:

Now every one can see and hear Jesus

Sometimes the Lord ask us to do things just to be a blessing to others.

We learn to follow the Lord when we do something that appears very insignificant.

The second time Jesus asked him to obey Peter could have made a good case as to why that wouldn't work.

Yet Peter did obey and Jesus was able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that Peter could have imagined.

When we are obedient to the Lord, we will never be disappointed. No matter how great or small the task

1 Samuel 15:22

“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,”

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

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