

Feb. 24 - Scripture: Luke 5:1-16

A verse that speaks to you: Luke 5:5 - 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."

Observation: Simon Peter was no small-time fisherman. He knew the Sea of Galilee, where to find the fish, and when to look for them. He had a fishing business, with partners. He had come back to shore after a bad night's fishing. Peter helped Jesus as He took His message to the people at the lakeside. Afterwards, Jesus told Peter to go out to the deep water to fish. A tired Peter challenged Jesus' direction, but did as Jesus said. What a mother lode of fish Peter and his partners caught! What a miracle occurred!

Application: How often I think I know what is best because I'm caught up in how I've always "fished" in the past. I give up too soon. When situations look hopeless and circumstances are unfavorable, Jesus urges me to use my talents in unusual ways. with amazing outcomes!

Prayer: Lord, help me to respond, "because you say so" without too much resistance. Don't let me wait for a better time. Show me how to follow your directions even if the circumstances aren't perfect. Use what I know how to do to attempt what looks impossible.

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