

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize **1 Thessalonians 5:24 (MSG)**
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism

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Miracles: Experiencing the Extraordinary Power of Jesus

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Miracles: Experiencing the Extraordinary Power of Jesus

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"One day as he was preaching on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the Word of God. He noticed two empty boats standing at the water's edge while the fishermen washed their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push out a little into the water, so that he could sit in the boat and speak to the crowds from there. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, Now go out where it is deeper and let down your nets and you will catch a lot of fish! Sir, Simon replied, we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, we'll try again. And this time their nets were so full that they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, Oh, sir, please leave us—I'm too much of a sinner for you to have around. For he was awestruck by the size of their catch, as were the others with him, and his partners too—James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Jesus replied, Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for the souls of men! And as soon as they landed, they left everything and went with him."

Luke 5:1-11 (LB)

WHAT TO DO IN A DISCOURAGING SITUATION

1. I GIVE JESUS COMPLETE ACCESS TO MY _____.

"Jesus 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." (vs. 3)

- What is your boat? How you make a _____.
- What does it mean to have Jesus in your boat?

2. I ADMIT THAT MY EFFORTS _____ WORKING.

"When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, Now launch out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch. Simon answered, Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything." (vs. 4-5a)

3 REASONS I DON T WANT TO ADMIT WHEN IT'S NOT WORKING:

- _____
- _____
- _____

3. I _____ WHATEVER JESUS TELLS ME TO DO.

"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." (vs. 5)

3 THINGS PETER DID NOT DO:

- _____
- _____
- _____

WHAT HAS GOD TOLD YOU TO DO THAT YOU'RE NOT DOING?

- _____: "Now launch out"
- _____: "Into deep water"
- _____: "Let down your nets"

4. I EXPECT _____ TO TURN THINGS AROUND.

MEMORY VERSE:

The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (MSG)

"When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break! 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!" (vs. 6-7)

PETER'S REACTION

"When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man! For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners." (vs. 8-9)

THE REAL LESSON

"Then Jesus said to Simon, Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men. So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him." (vs. 10-11)

GOD FILLS MY _____ WHEN I TRUST JESUS.