

Time To Launch Out

Luke 5: 1-6 Just a regular day for Jesus teaching the multitudes that had gathered to hear Him. He was pressed by the crowd. There were loads of people and Jesus decided to get into Simon Peters boat to make it easier for Him to address the crowd. There were two boats but Jesus choose one - Simon Peters. When Gods time comes he knows how to choose you from among the crowd. You don't have to run after Him or show yourself off to Jesus as He knows when to pick you.

Today by the lake it was Simon Peters turn to experience the supernatural.

1 Today it could be your turn to experience the supernatural power of Jesus. Position yourself for your miracle. Sometimes in our lives we need the supernatural to invade the natural so that our understanding to the supernatural power of miracles open up.

We often experience the supernatural when we overcome the natural. Many times we depend so much on the familiar, the natural, our knowledge , our expertise that we block out the miracle.

Vs 4 Jesus had stopped teaching and he addresses Simon and tells him to ***“Go out into deep water and let down the nets so you can catch some fish.”*** These fishermen were not expecting to go back fishing. They had done that already, now they were cleaning their nets.

They were professional fishermen and they knew how to catch fish and where the fish would be and what the best time was to catch the fish as they had been toiling all night and had caught nothing. They must have been extremely tired and such a request would have sounded crazy!.

Let's put our selves in Simon's shoes for a moment and feel what he was feeling and think what he was thinking. What would our response be? Our nets are clean, we have been fishing all night, we are so very tired now and how can you tell us to go back into the deep and throw our nets?

2 Always expect a miracle when Jesus is in the midst. Always expect to be challenged to go further when Jesus is in your world. Always know that with Jesus anything can happen and anything is possible.

In Vs 18 we see the power of the Lord was there to heal and some men brought a paralysed man to Jesus and lowered him through the roof right before Jesus and he was healed and his sins forgiven. Their faith was rewarded because they came with expectation but not the teachers of the law or the Pharisees because they didn't realise who they were with.

When we gather together in Jesus name there is power to heal and restore, to deliver and set free. Know who you are gathering with and be expectant. Our gathering together is neither for a show nor for entertainment but as the word says *where two or three gather in the name of Jesus He is in the midst.*

The risen Christ is here to perform a miracle. Be expectant when you come on a Sunday or a Wednesday or a Thursday / Friday because in that charged up atmosphere where the Holy Spirit is present and is working, your miracle can happen.

Psalms 22:3 As we praise God saying, *"You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel,"* The Lord who dwells among praises comes down. God Himself inhabits our praise and inhabits our world as we exalt Him.

Praise is a powerful weapon we can use to defeat the enemy's hold in our lives and release us to a place where we can experience His miracle. This is why we praise first and then worship. Always expect the supernatural to open up when you come together with the saints and worship our God.

3 Go for deeper not shallower - Jesus told Simon to launch out into the deep. There is something about the deep isn't there? You catch bigger fish in the deep. Greater challenges, Higher waves!

You can't catch anything worthwhile whilst you are on the shore or in shallow waters. Sometimes in our place of comfort we are often unable to progress in God and in his kingdom because we have become too comfortable doing nothing.

Often in order to experience the new thing God has for us we have to get out of the shore, the shallow waters where it is safe and secure and launch ourselves in faith trusting in Jesus in order to experience the deeper things he has for us.

4 Recognise the Authority of Jesus and His word - Simon like many of us, started with the excuses and the sequence of events but suddenly made this bold statement, *"nevertheless at your word / because you say so, I will let down the nets"*

Hallelujah! Simon had a *"because"*, *"a nevertheless"* moment which changed his whole belief system and his whole world.

We need to Recognise the Authority of Jesus and His word

Friends one word from Jesus in your time of desperation is what you need and when despite all hindrances and barriers and tiredness and excuses you seek to embrace that word and do something about it God can bring **your** miracle and change **your** world.

Sometimes God wants us to obey Him because he says so. When we allow the natural to dictate our lives it shuts out the supernatural to invade our lives and a Rhema word or a spoken or a quickened word is all we need to birth our miracle and change our situation. Simon said, *"Because you say so I will"*.

Let's not make our problem bigger than the word of God. Don't focus on the problem focus on God. Allow the light of Gods word to permeate your world to enable you to change your thinking from that of a carnal or natural mind to that of a spirit filled mind where the supernatural can operate (*Rom 8:6*). *Jesus is the true light which gives light to every man coming into this world (John 1:9-13)*

Jesus Loves you and desires to have a relationship with you. He desires to give you a life full of joy and purpose.

Jesus can change the past you cannot change by walking into those places of sin and failure and wipe your slate clean, your past cleaned and removed. *Jesus is the same today as he was yesterday and forever.*

His love for you will never give up or run dry or fail you. Jesus knows the worst about you and yet he believes the best why? Because He sees you not as you are but as His child when he gets through with you. He is an amazing friend! Jesus has a great future for you. You can trust Him. His plans are for good and not for evil to give you a future and a hope (joyful expectation/anticipation about the future).

Jesus listens to your every prayer.

Do you want to know this Jesus? Are you willing to do what Jesus says just because He's said it?

Prayer: *Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. I ask Your forgiveness. Thank you for dying on the cross for me to set me free from my sins. Come into my life Jesus. I believe you are Jesus my Lord and Saviour. Lord fill me with your Holy Spirit and be with me always . Amen*