

Simon – ***“But Because You Say So...”***

Text: **Luke 5:1-7 Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

Simon Peter uttered in Luke chapter 5 one of the most popular phrases in the Bible, ***“Because you say so, I will let down the nets.”***

Have you ever admitted that your efforts are not working, that no matter how hard you try, nothing seems to happen positively in your life?

You work hard and give your best and it seems that everything you do is not worth the effort and only leads to disappointments, not realising that those disappointments are God’s divine appointment for you.

Peter was calling it quits and washing the nets when Jesus noticed their boat at the water’s edge. Jesus borrowed the boat that belonged to Peter and then asked him to push away from the shore.

When Jesus finished using his boat, He told Peter to go into deeper water so they could catch some fish.

For sure Peter objected a little when he said, ***“Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything...”***

Peter was not an amateur. He was not a neophyte. He was not even a weekend fisherman. He made a living

out of fishing. He knew exactly how to do it and when to do it.

Peter did not say, “I cannot believe you are asking me to launch out into the deep after an entire night of fishing, and I caught nothing.” He kept it to himself.

Although Jesus was asking him to do something that was contrary to what was the status quo, Peter obliged and said, “***But because you say it, because you spoke it, because you've asked me to do it, I will go out and try again.***”

Jesus asked Peter to put out into the deep, to get away from the shore, which is normally where fishing is done, **because that's where the fish are.**

Jesus even asked him to do this in the middle of the day, which is the time of day when nobody is fishing.

But upon Peter's obedience and confession of faith, a miracle happened.

As a result....in Luke 5:6-7

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ 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.

There are wonderful lessons that we can learn from a night of failure.

- **We must not live by what we feel nor by what we see.**

God is not bound by the law of nature. He is not bound by time and space. It is only through and by faith that we can experience God.

After they had done all they could, the Lord told this seasoned fishermen when to fish and where to cast the net.

Sometimes you just need to be at the end of your rope, in order to experience the miraculous.

- **Without Jesus, we will always be disappointed and discouraged.**

Not only is there failure, but there is also disappointment that comes with that failure.

In our service to the Lord, we will experience the disappointments and the frustration of not seeing God's blessings. That is why we need Jesus in our boats. That's the reason we need to be in His Word daily.

Our disappointments are at times God's divine appointments.

There will be times in our Christian walk when we will not see results; we only are “washing nets with no catch of fish”.

When we put Him first in our life, when Jesus becomes our number one priority in our life, God has promised in scripture that *all these things will be added to us!*

- **Without Jesus, we are destined to fail.**

Because You, Jesus, say so... How often do we say that?

Or do we have doubts? Are we afraid to fail?

Sometimes, because we are afraid to fail, we do nothing and the only thing we have to show for it is regret.

Philippians 4:13 (NIV) – *"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."*

- **We must have faith in Him and in what He says.**

When we have faith in the Lord, we show this by being obedient to His Word.

Peter at first argued that they had spent the night without any success, but then took the Lord at His Word.

When Jesus shows up, miracles happen.

- **We must believe that He is God who supplies our needs.**

Just as He provided the fish for the fishermen, He can provide our every need.

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV) – *“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”*

- **We must be willing to forsake all and follow Him.**

This should be the attitude and the disposition that marks a true follower of Jesus.

The fishermen left everything and followed Him.

Luke 5:11(NIV) – *“So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.”*

- **We should follow Him completely.**

To follow Him is to follow Him through the Scripture.

His Word points us in the right direction. He is our map and our compass.

So many verses in Psalm 119 can be a foundation for setting that compass.

Psalm 119:105 (NIV) – *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”*

Psalm 119:98 (NIV) – *“Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.”*

Psalm 119:11 (NIV) – *“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”*

Friends, we follow a **“because you say so Saviour”**, and He invites us to be His **“because you say so people”**. When we say, “Thy will be done,” our world starts to expand.