

No More Limits

Scriptures: Luke 5:1-11

Key #1: Availability (vs. 2)

- The need arose for Jesus to use a vessel to more effectively minister to the people. 2 Tim. 2:20-21; Isa. 6:8
- Jesus used Peter's boat as a pulpit. Are you and all your property and possessions available to Christ?
Mark 10:17-31
- The more available you are to God, the more He manifests Himself through you. 2 Kings 4:1-6; Rev. 3:20

Key #2: Faith Stretching (vs. 3-4)

- God always provides us with opportunities to grow in faith.
- Now that you've obeyed me in the easy thing, launch out into the deep (bathos – extent, deep) – GOD WANTS TO STRETCH US!!
- Reason for launching out is b/c God desires to teach us that through the thing we've had no success in prior to obeying His Word
 - Note the sequence: Jesus asks Peter to do the easy (He does not force Himself upon us) -
 - Then after accomplishing the simple, He commands Him to do the impractical –
2 Kings 5:1-14, John 9:1-7; Acts 9
 - ➔ WHAT IS GOD REQUIRING OF YOU THAT YOU ARE FIGHTING?
 - ➔ WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING UP GOD FROM RELEASING INTO YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND YOU?
- Faith is not faith if I can always see it. Peter was told to drop the nets in deep water.

Key #3: Trust in God is Exhibited Through Our Obedience to Him (vs. 5)

2 Tim. 1:11-12; Prov. 4:4; Rom. 5:19; Rom. 6:16; 2 Cor. 10:5-6

- It is not a matter of opinion, physical condition, nor experience that matters when you have a Word from God!
 - ➔ INSTEAD OF MERELY TRYING TO BE SUCCESSFUL, I NEED TO WALK OUT MY OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD I'VE HEARD FROM GOD
Joshua 1:8; 1 Sam. 15:22; Isa. 1:19; Deut. 28
 - ➔ DOES YOUR WALK WITH THE LORD CAUSE YOU TO SAY NEVERTHELESS TO WHAT YOU WANT AND YES TO WHAT GOD WANTS OF YOU? Acts 9 (Ananias); Mat. 26:39

Key #4: You have what you need to start growing in faith

- Peter used the same net this time that was unsuccessful the last time. – Mat. 25:21

Key #5: We all will experience growing pains (vs. 6-7)

- We can't be afraid to grow, to move forward in our lives
- As we grow, we will surely drown if we don't partner with others, and be willing to CHANGE.
Prov. 3:7; Prov. 15:22

Key #6: The question is not your worthiness but God's Purpose and Pleasure (vs. 6-7)

- If you are truly humble and feel unworthy, that's why you should appreciate what God is doing all the more. - Isa. 6:5; 1 Pet. 5:6

Key #7: If you will remove the limits, God will exceed what you can even think.

Eph. 3:20

THE QUESTION: WILL JERUSALEM TRUST GOD AND LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP FOR A GREAT HARVEST?