

## IT'S MY BUSINESS Making a Comeback – Part 1 of 9

*“1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the Word of God, 2 he saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He 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.” Luke 5:1-3*

*“4 After Jesus finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Now launch out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch.’ 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.’” Luke 5:4-5*

*“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 with fish that they began to sink!” Luke 5:6-7*

**KEY TAKE-A-WAY:** They caught more in 10 minutes than they had caught in 10 hours when they did it **THE WAY** Jesus said to do it.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN YOU’VE HAD A BUSINESS SETBACK?

**1.** I must give Jesus **COMPLETE ACCESS** to my business.

*“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.” Luke 5:3*

**KEY OBSERVATION #1:** I must get Jesus in my **BOAT**

- Your boat is how you make a **LIVING**.

**2.** I must **ADMIT** that my efforts aren’t working.

*“4 When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Now launch out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch.’ 5 Simon answered, ‘Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything!’” Luke 5:4-5a*

**Which of these is preventing me from admitting I need help?**

PRIDE? STUBBORNNESS? FEAR? (circle)

**3.** I must **DO** whatever Jesus tells me to do, even if it seems illogical, you can’t afford it, or it appears foolish to others.

*“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.’” Luke 5:5*

**KEY QUESTION: What has God told you to do that you still HAVEN’T DONE?**

- **Three Phases: WHEN, WHAT, and WHERE**

**4.** I must **EXPECT** Jesus to turn things around.

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*“8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, ‘Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!’ 9 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.” Luke 5:8-9*

*“10 Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men!’ 11 So, they pulled their boats up on shore, and they left everything and followed Jesus!” Luke 5:10-11*

**BOTTOM LINE:** We must become more interested in the **BLESSER**, rather than the **BLESSING**.