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**THE NET**  
**YOU GOT THIS SERIES**

**SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

God is going to make sure you have everything to complete your assignment. Peter is a fisherman and a family man that takes care of his family and himself. As we look at Peter and his life, we are reminded that there are times when we are not only responsible for ourselves, but also for others. This responsibility can take you on a roller coaster of emotions based upon the journey. There will be times when you feel as though you are doing everything correctly, but yet you do not yield the results that you are looking for or expecting. Today, you will learn how to get the expected results, but also accepting the reality that it is okay to feel what you feel.

*Luke 5:1-7 NIV - [1] One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were 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. [4] When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put 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." [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.*

- The word will get your attention
- You have everything you need for your big catch
- Peter was going home empty handed
- You have everything you need to create everything you need

*What do you do when you have everything you need, have done what you are supposed to do but have not got the expected results?*

### **INGREDIENTS NEEDED:**

- **THE WATER**
- **THE BOATS**
- **THE NETS**
- **THE FISHERMEN - SKILL**
- **THE FISH**

**ONLY THING MISSING IS THE FISH!!**

## MUST GET OVER THE FOLLOWING FRUSTRATION

*Luke 5:2c NIV - Luke 5:2 NIV ...left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.*

- Frustration is natural and is often part of the process
- Frustration is a sign that a change is necessary
- There is nothing like working hard but nothing to show for it
- Faith begins at frustration
- We have become spoiled in the spirit

*How do you feel when you've done everything you're supposed to do but you're not getting what you need?*

## PHYSICAL TIREDNESS

*Luke 5:5a NIV - .. we've worked hard all night*

- Being tired is normal
- It is okay to feel tired and frustrated
- The anointing of God will wear you out

*What will it take for you to become tired of being tired? When you get to that point, what does it look like?*

## DISAPPOINTMENT

*Luke 5:5b NIV - ..haven't caught anything*

- You thought you would catch what you needed
- High expectation brings about great disappointment
- All of this is normal
- Out of your frustration and disappointment, brings a need for God
- When there is a need, God will show up
- God only goes where there is a need
- People need to know your expectation
- Failure is a part of the process

*Recall a time when God instructed you to do something at the end, you felt great disappointment. What was the assignment? Why did you feel disappointed?*

## THE CHALLENGE TO DO IT AGAIN

*Luke 5:4b NIV - "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."*

- Muster up the strength to try again
- He didn't tell you to do something you have not already done
- When you look at the ingredients you don't control the water or the fish
- Release what you control
  - How you think
  - How you respond
  - Your words
  - Your actions
- Give God something to work with
- You are not new to this, you got this
- Dropping your net allows you to release the frustration
- What God speaks requires your participation
- Don't let your frustration decimate what God is trying to do
- You cannot throw in the towel
- Master your emotions
- Filter your feelings

*What do you have to lose by trying again? What do you have to gain?*

## OBEEDIENCE

*Luke 5:5c NIV - "But because you say so, I will let down the nets."*

- You have to do this
- You can either try it or not
- It's on you, you have to do your part

\* **NAMAAN HAD TO DIP 7 TIMES TO BE HEALED**

\* **WIDOW HAD TO GIVE TO PROPHET TO GET OVERFLOW**

\* **JEHOSAPHAT HAD TO SHOUT TO WIN THE BATTLE**

\* **10 LEPERS HAD TO KEEP IT MOVING TO BE CLEANSED**

- You have to do your part, God already did His part
- Life is full of choices which one are you reaching for
- What you reach for determines what you are going to catch
- Release so that you can get more
- The size of your net (faith) will determine the size of your catch (expectation)
- Don't filter your faith through your feelings
- Pick your crazy
- God is about to anoint your "Again"

- The kingdom of God is a paradox - what makes sense in the kingdom doesn't make sense in the world

*What kind of net are you letting down? What does obedience look like when you are tired, frustrated or disappointed?*

## RESULTS

Luke 5:6-7 NIV - [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**.

- You are about to experience overflow
- Expect nothing less than this:
  - **LARGE**
  - **BREAKING(OVERFLOW)**
  - **FILLING**
  - **SINKING (HEAVY)**
- Don't talk like a believer, but live like an atheist
- Your faith has to match your words
- Someone else's blessing and freedom is locked up in your obedience
- Your assignment is to look at the areas you're tired frustrated and disappointed in and do it again
- Don't settle for less when God has promised you more
- God will turn your NO into a YES
- According to your praise, be it unto you
- Allow your praise to increase your strength to cast your net
- Your net (faith) is either pathetic or prophetic
- Stay with the fish or follow the source
- God is about to increase your network and your net worth
- Release it and get the results

*What has caused you to be small-minded in the area that God has promised you greater?*

## QUESTION

*What is God asking you to try again?*

## DECLARATION

*I will live a long, healthy, anointed, prosperous life with no limitations. God has promised me greater and I shall see it!!!!*

## **PRAYER**

*Father God, I thank You for loving me. Thank You for showing me my frustration, tiredness and disappointment has not been in vain. There has been purpose in every emotion that I have felt on this journey. Thank You for not letting me give in when I wanted to throw in the towel. I vow to try again, but this time, I am releasing control to allow You to do it Your way. I surrender in obedience to Your will in Jesus' name, Amen!*