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PETER

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When God <u>interrupts</u> the <u>ordinary</u> routine of life…

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around Him and listening to the word of God, He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore.
*(**Luke 5:1-3a**)*

The progression of discipleship per the story of Peter…

• **Peter <u>hears</u> the words of Jesus** – *"Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat." (**Luke 5:3b**)*

• **Peter <u>obeys</u> the words of Jesus** – *"When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' 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.' When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break." (**Luke 5:4-6**)*

• **Peter <u>confesses</u> his sinfulness** – *"When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken…" (**Luke 5:8-9**)*

• **Peter drops the "<u>nets</u>" and follows Jesus' <u>call</u>** – *"Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men.' So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him." (**Luke 5:10b-11**)*

The challenge of surrender…

*"As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.'" - (**Luke 9:57-58**)*

• **Following Jesus on your <u>own terms</u>** – *"He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But the man replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'" (**Luke 9:59-60**)*

• **Looking back at what you <u>gave up</u>** – *"Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family.' Jesus replied, 'No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'" (**Luke 9:61-62**)*

*He must become greater; I must become less. (**John 3:30**)*