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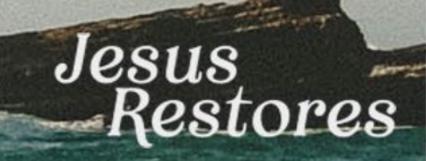
THE SHORELINE CHURCH

Luke 5:1-3

5 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. 2 He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. 3 Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

Luke 5:4

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."



Luke 5:5

5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."

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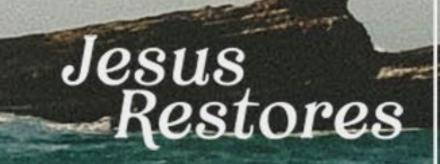
"You can do more than pray after you have prayed but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed."

Luke 5:6-7

6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

Luke 5:8-9

8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." 9 For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. 10 His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.



Luke 5:10-11

10 Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" 11 And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

1. Jesus wants to use your "boat"- have you opened your hands to him? God is asking if you will let him use your everyday life. Peter had a boat, a livelihood, a reputation, energy, a career and he gave it all to Jesus.

2. Don't make excuses when the Lord asks you to go fishing for men and women. Do what He tells you to do. We must develop true fear of the Lord which shows up in obedience, and stop cowering in false fear.