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LEAVE YOUR NETS

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WEEK 1

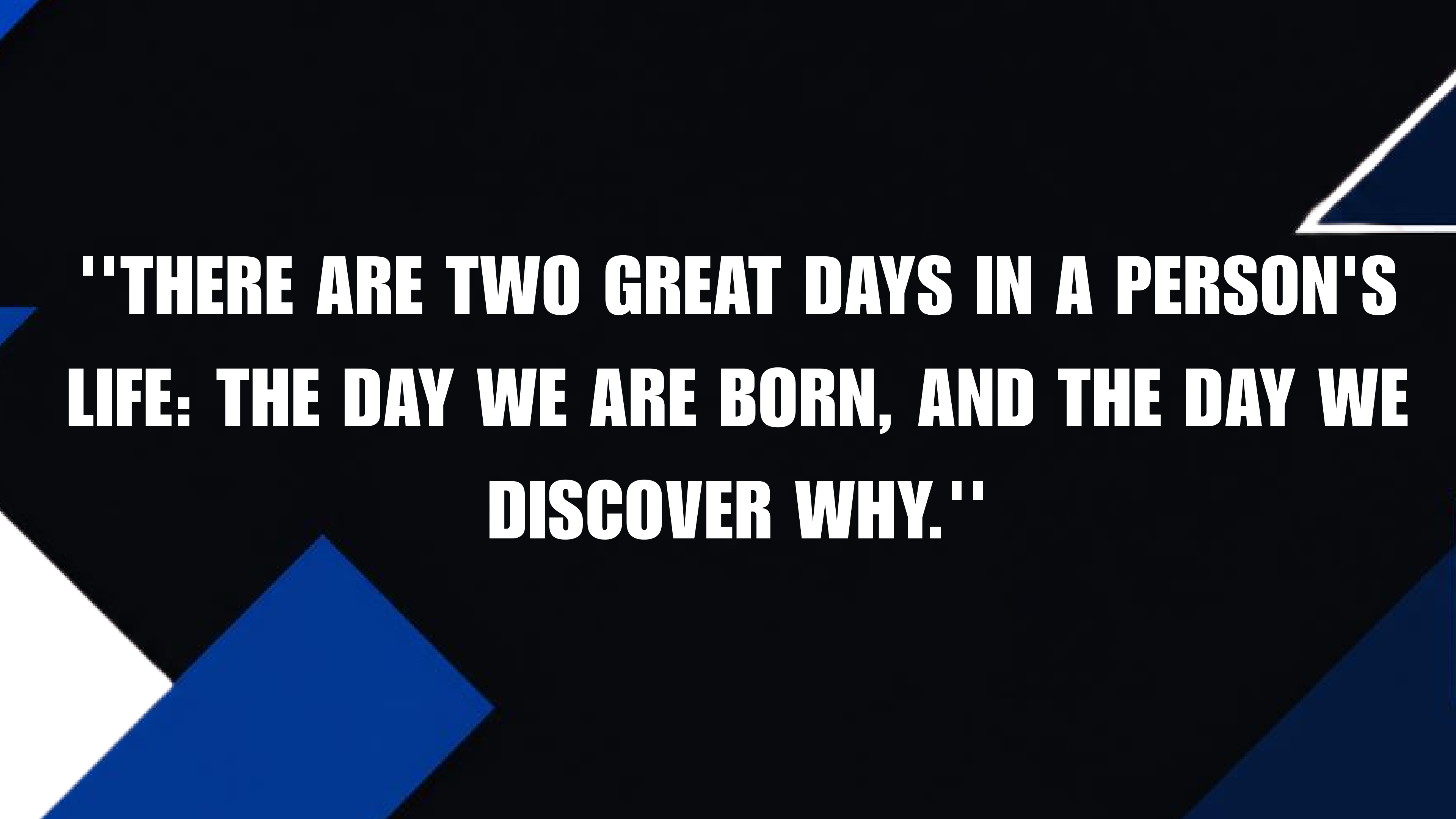
**THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A
NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY;
BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME.**

ON ONE OCCASION, WHILE THE CROWD WAS
PRESSING IN ON HIM TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD,
HE WAS STANDING BY THE LAKE OF GENNESARET,
2 AND HE SAW TWO BOATS BY THE LAKE, BUT THE
FISHERMEN HAD GONE OUT OF THEM AND WERE
WASHING THEIR NETS. 3 GETTING INTO ONE OF
THE BOATS, WHICH WAS SIMON'S, HE ASKED HIM
TO PUT OUT A LITTLE FROM THE LAND. AND HE SAT
DOWN AND TAUGHT THE PEOPLE FROM THE BOAT.

4 AND WHEN HE HAD FINISHED SPEAKING, HE SAID TO SIMON, "PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP AND LET DOWN YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH." 5 AND SIMON ANSWERED, "MASTER, WE TOILED ALL NIGHT AND TOOK NOTHING! BUT AT YOUR WORD I WILL LET DOWN THE NETS." 6 AND WHEN THEY HAD DONE THIS, THEY ENCLOSED A LARGE NUMBER OF FISH, AND THEIR NETS WERE BREAKING.

7 THEY SIGNALLED TO THEIR PARTNERS IN THE OTHER BOAT TO COME AND HELP THEM. AND THEY CAME AND FILLED BOTH THE BOATS, SO THAT THEY BEGAN TO SINK. 8 BUT WHEN SIMON PETER SAW IT, HE FELL DOWN AT JESUS' KNEES, SAYING, "DEPART FROM ME, FOR I AM A SINFUL MAN, O LORD." 9 FOR HE AND ALL WHO WERE WITH HIM WERE ASTONISHED AT THE CATCH OF FISH THAT THEY HAD TAKEN,

**10 AND SO ALSO WERE JAMES AND JOHN, SONS OF
ZEBEDEE, WHO WERE PARTNERS WITH SIMON. AND
JESUS SAID TO SIMON, "DO NOT BE AFRAID; FROM
NOW ON YOU WILL BE CATCHING MEN." 11 AND
WHEN THEY HAD BROUGHT THEIR BOATS TO LAND,
THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM.**



**"THERE ARE TWO GREAT DAYS IN A PERSON'S
LIFE: THE DAY WE ARE BORN, AND THE DAY WE
DISCOVER WHY."**

**YOU DON'T NEED ALL THE ANSWERS AND ALL
YOUR LITTLE DUCKIES IN A ROW TO HAVE FAITH.
FAITH IS SIMPLY TRUSTING JESUS' VOICE MORE
THAN YOU TRUST YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE OR
PLANS.**

**YOUR BLESSING DOESN'T ELIMINATE YOUR NEED
FOR OTHER PEOPLE; IT ACTUALLY CREATES IT.**

**TRUE ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS REVEAL
HIM, BUT THEY ALSO REVEAL US.**

**JESUS MEETS US WHERE WE ARE, BUT HE
DOESN'T LEAVE US WHERE HE FOUND US.**

**I SEE YOU EXACTLY AS YOU ARE,
AND I STILL CALL YOU.**

**IS THIS WHAT JESUS IS ASKING ME TO CARRY
INTO THE NEXT SEASON?**

**JESUS, I DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING, BUT
BECAUSE YOU SAID SO, I'LL FOLLOW.**