

**WHEN LIFE LEAVES YOU EMPTY**  
**#HOPE – Part 5**

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- **MIRACLES ARE TO BUILD MY FAITH WHICH INCREASES MY HOPE.**

***Luke 5:1-3*** One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> 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 5:4-7*** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> 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.

- ***They caught more in ten minutes than they had caught in ten hours. This is what's called a miracle of acceleration. Where God speeds up the process. When you understand the principle of the miracle of acceleration, you don't worry about timing.***

## **STEPS TO TAKE WHEN I AM IN A HOPELESS SITUATION**

### **1. I NEED TO GIVE JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ ACCESS TO MY LIFE.**

**Luke 5:3** 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.

**Their boat is how they make a living.**

**Matthew 6:33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### **2. I ADMIT THAT MY \_\_\_\_\_ AREN'T WORKING.**

**Luke 5:4-5** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything...

**There are three reasons I don't want to admit when it's not working: pride, stubbornness and fear.**

**Numbers 20:12** But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

### **3. I NEED TO \_\_\_\_\_ WHATEVER JESUS TELLS ME TO DO.**

**Luke 5:5** 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."

\_\_\_\_\_ : "launch out"

\_\_\_\_\_ : "let down your nets"

\_\_\_\_\_ : "into deep water"

#### **4. I NEED TO \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS TO TURN THINGS AROUND.**

Luke 5:6-7 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> 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.

#### **PETER'S REACTION**

Luke 5:8-10 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Luke 5:10-11 Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**The take home today: This miracle about fish is not about fish as much as it is about surrendering to the will of Jesus and obeying him unconditionally, because when we don't life will leave you empty.**

**Next steps:**

**Is He in your boat?**

**Have you obeyed what He has told you to do? If not, why not.**