

It was an unusual night. So much toil and no catch. That is the life of a fisher man. Sometimes good and sometimes bad. You cannot really be sure of the next day. In resignation to fate, they were washing their nets in preparation for the next night. Oh my, what shall he do for food for the table at home? Just then the crowd was pressing on the Preacher. He needed space, so he asked to use one of the two boats parked there. It was Peter's. Wondering why it was Peter's boat that He opted for? Peter was glad to oblige.

Simon rowed the boat off the edge of the sea. That gave some space. He continued to preach. The Preacher seem to know everything. Peter needed to have fish to sell to meet the needs at home. There was no catch all night. Lesson, when frustration begin to set in, in your work, return to God. The moment he was done preaching, he asked Peter to row into the deep for a catch. What a strange directive. This is not the time of the day for casting the net for fish. The fish in the water should have drifted to safety, to rest and sleep for the day. Peter let the Preacher know about this. Having listened to his message, which was touching, he knew this was a Master that must be obeyed.

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. 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 (Luke 5:5-6)

When Simon saw this, he was astonished and he bowed down himself at Jesus' feet. Yes, the name of the preacher is Jesus! He and his companions, James and John knew they could not continue without the Master. He encouraged them. From now on, they shall be fishers of men. They were not only converted, there was a switch in their calling... They would now be fishers of men.

What Luke 5 basically is telling us is that he who avails his time and resources to God cannot lack. Such submission is accompanied with breakthroughs. What they could not achieve all night and probably since they became fishermen was achieved in a moment. He is the successful Christian who accomplishes 80 percent result, with twenty percent or less of his time. Then you will not be under pressure. Then your work will not become your God.

Where did the fish come from? They were either brought to creation when the word was altered from the mouth of the King, or they came out of hiding to be part of the glory of the moment. The desire of the King to bless those who have helped in the ministry was paramount and heaven responded. We do not worry about how, when the king has spoken. May the Lord continually bless us and keep us that our eyes might be fixed upon him. In play and in work and in war, He is the provider. When you do not have time for the Lord, know that you have an idol that you worship, that is stealing your time. Sounds fanatical, but think about it, in the light of Simon's experience.

Finally, blessings do not flow in a vacuum. God blesses you from what you already have. The boy with the fish and some bread gathered twelve baskets. Peter made his ship available and gathered two boats full of fish. The widow had her cruse of oil and floor blessed. The oil continued to flow until she had no capacity to take more. How much of the blessing that comes depends on the receiver and not on the supplier. Good morning Holy Spirit. Teach us oh Lord to trust in you. Separate us from worshipping of idols in our

work and to trust in the abundance and sufficiency of the Lord. May we always wait for your word before we act. Amen.