

Now What?

A message from Luke 5:1–11 — the moment Jesus turned an empty night into an overflowing miracle.

LUKE 5:1–11 NLT



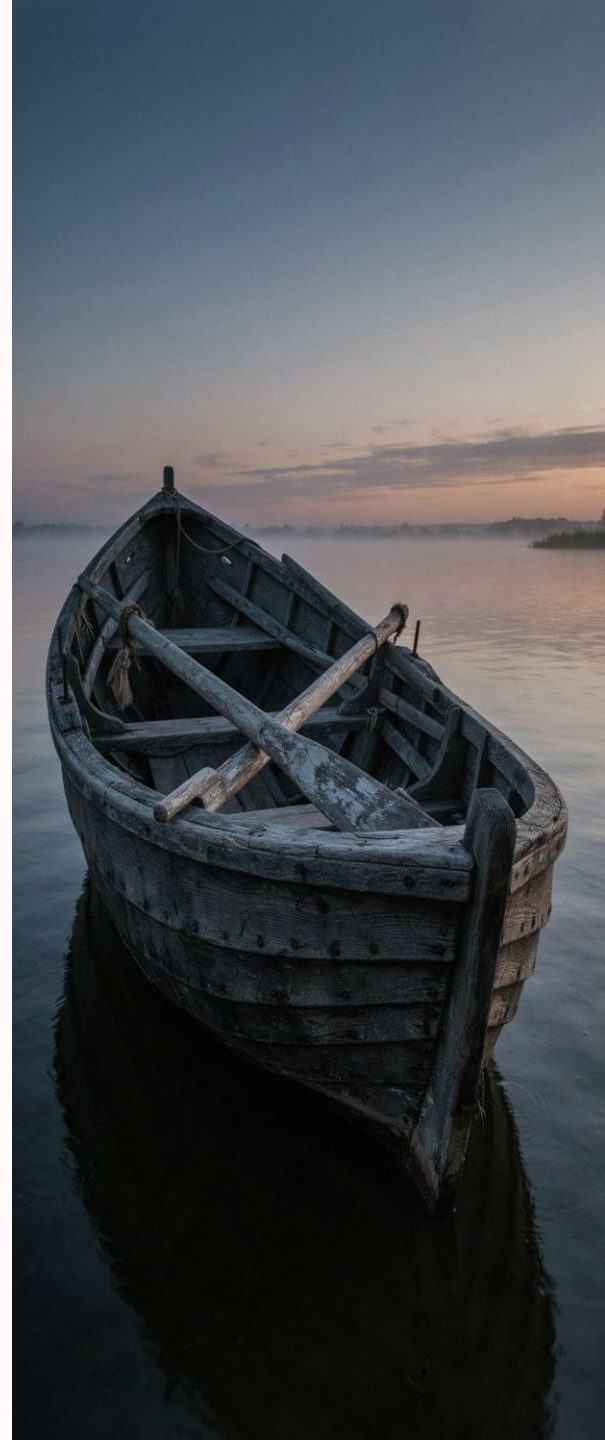
The Scene: An Empty Shore

"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. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets."

— Luke 5:1–2 NLT

It was a long, exhausting night on the water with nothing to show for it. The nets are empty. The fishermen are weary.

They are washing their nets — the universal sign of giving up and closing shop. And it is right here, at the shore of their disappointment, that Jesus shows up.



Surrender the Scene of Your Frustration

"Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon to push it out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat."

— Luke 5:3 NLT

The Empty Boat Has a Purpose

Peter saw his boat as a symbol of wasted effort and a failed night. Jesus saw it as a pulpit. Before God changes your outcome, He asks for access to your space of failure.

Making Room for the Word

Peter had to stop washing his nets, sit still, and listen. The miracle does not begin when you drop the net — it begins when you allow Jesus to sit in the center of your struggle.

The Platform of Purpose

What felt like a breakdown was actually a setup to carry the King of kings. Give Jesus your empty business, your weary heart, and your tired hands, your anxiety, your health — right now, in this service.

Right at the Shore of Our Disappointment

You Worked All Night

**You used every strategy you knew.
You went to the exact spot where
results were supposed to come — yet
morning arrived and your hands were
completely empty. Now What?**

But a Service Broke Out

**Right at the moment you began washing your nets —
accepting defeat — Jesus stepped onto the very
platform of your frustration and said:**

"Let me use your boat."

**Before the miracle came the message. Before the harvest came the surrender.
God specializes in showing up when human effort has run dry.**

Reflection: What Is Your Boat?

Every person in this room has a "boat" — something that feels spent, empty, or washed up.

Maybe it's a marriage that's been through rough water. A career that hasn't produced what you hoped. A ministry effort that seemed fruitless. A relationship you've nearly given up on. A health problem that is leading you to feel weak.

- Ask yourself: What is the area of your life that you've been "washing your nets" over? That is precisely the space Jesus is asking to occupy today.



Shift from Human Logic to Divine Authority

"'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.'"

— Luke 5:5 NLT

The Conflict of Expertise

Peter was the professional. Jesus was a carpenter. Every fishing instinct Peter had said: *"Fish feed at night in shallow water — not in broad daylight in the deep."*

Human reasoning had a solid case.

The "Nevertheless" Moment

Faith begins where human expertise ends. Peter's breakthrough hinged on four words: "But if you say so." He substituted his experience for Christ's command — and that substitution changed everything.

You cannot launch into the deep until you have first sat through the message. The Word builds the faith that makes the launch possible.

"But If You Say So..."

Experience says no. Faith says go.

1

Hear the Word

Peter sat in the boat and received the teaching of Jesus before receiving the command.

2

Acknowledge the Struggle

"We worked hard all night."
Honest faith doesn't pretend the failure didn't happen.

3

Obey the Command

"But if you say so" — four words that unlocked a supernatural harvest beyond anything Peter's skill could produce.

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Return to the Exact Place Things Didn't Work

"And this time their nets were so full of fish that they began to tear!"

— Luke 5:6 NLT

No Need to Change Location

God does not need to move you to a new city, a new job, or a brand-new environment to bless you. Although He can, He blesses you in any place.

Same Boat, Different Result

Same water. Same nets. Same fisherman. But with the presence of Christ in the boat, the environment was completely altered.

Abundance That Overflows

The catch was so overwhelming it required calling partners to share the blessing. What was once an empty shore became a harbor of supernatural harvest.

Anointing in the Struggle

The Holy Spirit does not just visit you to comfort your frustration —
He releases anointing to conquer the very area that resisted you.

1 Power Released After the Preaching

When Jesus finished speaking, the atmosphere shifted from passive instruction to active power.

The Word always prepares the way for the miracle.

2 Expansion Under Pressure

The enemy's goal in your "long night" was to make you abandon your nets and surrender your calling. But in the Kingdom, pressure generates growth — the Spirit builds endurance and authority within you.

3 The Anointing to Try Again

When the Spirit speaks, you pick up the same nets you washed in despair, step back into the same boat, and launch out expecting a breakthrough that defies natural law.

Conclusion: Now what?

Now; I want to invite you to pick up your net again! Jesus is already in your boat;
The service is concluding, and Jesus is turning to you with a command:

Launch out into the deep.

Step back into the same area of your life — with the same tools, the same hands, the same nets — but this time under the direct command and presence of Jesus Christ.

What failed last night will bring a harvest today. The miracle is not in a new location. It is in the obedience.

This week's challenge: 1st.: Send this message to someone.

- ☐ **2nd.: Identify one area where you've "washed your nets" in defeat. Surrender it to Jesus. Sit with the Word. Then launch back out — expecting the supernatural from Him.**

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If you need to talk, let me know when is a good time for me to reach out to you!

It is totally confidential, and free.

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May God bless you!