

“Nothing Is Happening!”

Luke 5:1-11 NIV84
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I. FACE TO FACE WITH A DEAD END

A. When Everything Feels Like NOTHING

Luke 5:5 Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything.”

B. Everybody Is FISHING For Something

Luke 5:9-10 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,... “from now on you will catch men.”

II. FROM SELF-CENTERED TO GOD-CENTERED

A. Give Jesus ACCESS To Our 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.”

Revelation 3:20 “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

Matthew 6:33 ESV “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

B. Humbly Own Our INADEQUACIES

Luke 5:5 Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything.”

C. Define What OBEDIENCE Looks Like

Luke 5:5 “But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

D. Value The BLESSER More Than The BLESSING

Luke 5:11 “So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.”

1 Peter 1:6-7 “These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.”

E. Trust That SOMETHING Is Happening

Luke 5:10 Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.”

Philippians 1:6 “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

- 1. Is it possible?** Discuss with family and friends this week if you think everything is possible with God. How does our answer affect how we live?
- 2. Give Jesus Access.** What area of your life are you struggling with letting Jesus climb in and teach? This week commit to being a “because you say so” person and invite Jesus into that place: your job, your marriage, your hobbies, your weekends, your friendships, your plans for the future. When Jesus has all access, you start to see the miracles that counter your dead ends.