**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**  
**BIBLE STUDY 10/9/2024**

**LET’S LEARN DEEPER AND PRESS TO DO BETTER.**

**REAFFIRMING STEWARDSHIP, TRUSTING GOD…AT HIS WORD!**

1And it came to pass, that, as the **people pressed upon him to hear the word of God**, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And **he sat down**, **and taught the people** out of the ship. 4Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **Launch out into the deep**, and **let down your nets** for a draught. 5And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have **toiled all the night, and have taken nothing**: **nevertheless at thy word I will** let down the net. 6And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and **their net brake**. 7And they beckoned unto their **partners**, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. 8When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for **I am a sinful man**, O Lord. 9For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken. For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. **And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.**

At the Word of Christ there is great power. (drawing people to faith… drawing fish into a net).

Romans 10:17 – Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

When God pursues the frustrated, four things occur… He shows you:

1. How great is His power
2. How great is your need of His pardon
3. How crucial it is to adopt His purpose
4. How vital it is to value Him above all else.

**SERMONIC POINTS:**

**1 FAILURE ISN’T ALWAYS FINAL**

3And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

-DO A LITTLE MORE…TIRED, BUT YOU STILL HAVE MORE

-ACCEPT THE AUTHORITY YOU HAVE…THRUST AWAY FROM SHALLOW WATER LOGIC.

**QUESTION: IN YOUR ESTIMATION, HOW IMPORTANT WAS IT FOR JESUS TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE HEARD? WHY?**

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**2 THE WORD WILL CHALLENGE YOUR FAITH**

1. **FELLOWSHIP**…BEING WITH THE MASTER
2. **RELATIONSHIP**…A REAL CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW YOU LEAN
3. **DISCIPLESHIP**.  ARE YOU GOING TO BE A DISCIPLINED FOLLOWER?

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**3 EXPECT YOUR BLESSINGS AFTER YOU’VE LAUNCHED**

4Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **Launch out into the deep**, and **let down your nets** for a draught. 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: **nevertheless at thy word** I will let down **the net**.

* SOMETIMES WE GET FRUSTRATED, AGITATED AND ALIENATED BECAUSE OF FAILURE
* OUR WORK IS NOT ALWAYS FOR IMMEDIATE FULFILLMENT…DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?
* FAILURE IS OFTEN PURPOSEFUL FOR GROWTH.

**QUESTION:  HOW DIFFICULT IS IT, IF AT FIRST YOU DON’T SUCCEED TO TRY, TRY AGAIN? WAS PETER OBEDIENT TO JESUS’ REQUEST?**

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**4 IN DUE SEASON, WE SHALL REAP IF WE FAINT NOT.**

9For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken. For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken

* HOW WAS IT POSSIBLE…THEY WERE JUST OUT THERE.
* FATIGUE WILL MAKE YOU GIVE UP…BUT AT HIS WORD IS ASTONISHMENT.
* THE WORD CHANGED THE SEASON

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AFTER THE DRAUGHT WAS RECEIVED…

PETER RECOGNIZED HIS SINFULNESS DEEPLY …ASKING JESUS TO DEPART FROM HIM

**JESUS, HOWEVER AT PETERS REQUEST,  DID NOT LEAVE HIM…WHY?**

In verse 10b “Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.’”

The Greek word zogron is commonly used for trapping—capturing alive.

JESUS CAUGHT 4 DISCIPLES AND **ALL OF US**…AND WE ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR STEWARDING AND CATCHING OTHERS.

Jesus’ disciples will be inviting people into the kingdom of God, where they will become free from the things that had bound them.

**WE HAVE THE GREATEST BAIT TO CATCH ALL KINDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN…**

**IT’S AT AND IN HIS WORD**