

## Never Empty Handed

*“...So will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them”  
(Isaiah 55:11).*

My husband has incredible patience....Me? not so much (grin)....Perhaps that is why my husband loves fishing and I merely tolerate it (says Gina rolling her eyes).

In all the years we've gone fishing, I can't remember a single time where we caught a fish immediately upon casting the bait into the water. Fishing is not normally a sport with instant results and patience is definitely required. Not to mention sometimes the fish just aren't in the mood for biting...

As I was seeking Him about today's message, Matthew 4:19 came my mind "Come follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people" (NIV). Jesus often taught, using many common things, like fishing which is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. It's a spiritual lesson, easy to understand, by all. Perhaps Jesus used this phrase to alert you that it's not always easy to catch fish! However, that doesn't mean we are to stop trying...

What happened yesterday is over. What happened last week, is over. Today is a new day and the Lord wants you to act like it. Make today count for His kingdom by sharing His love with others. His word does not go void (Isaiah 55:11). You may not always see instant results, but you have His promise His words bring life!

There are people all around you that need what you have. One may sit next to you on the train, or fill his car at the other pump at the gas station. Someone may work in the office across the hall or teach your children. How about the grocery store where you shop? Shall I go on?

Millions of people around the world are in need of Christ. The world is often a cold and lonely place. We all have friends who say they will be there - but somehow they aren't there when really needed.

You may not share Jesus with others like I do and I may not share like you do, but God is looking for you to be willing to be used by Him however He would

choose to use you. Ask Him to help you today share His love with another person (or two). You can share how God's presence with you has done great things!

When you follow His promptings, you won't suffer from the inevitable regrets that follow wrong choices. He's given you a wonderful promise in Psalm 32:8-11 to encourage you when you're in need of His guidance. I firmly believe His Spirit will lead you, but it definitely requires your cooperation with Him.

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