

Nevertheless!!

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Want to guess what today's message is about? GRIN...Nevertheless. When reading Luke 5:5- “Nevertheless” literally jumped out me so I gotta go with it. What does it mean? Nevertheless- -even so; all the same.

Nevertheless is God’s Word for you today! Whatever you are facing-- God is saying to YOU!

“Nevertheless- I am with you. Nevertheless- I am more than enough. Nevertheless- there none like Me. Nevertheless- there is nothing too difficult for Me. Nevertheless- My Word stands true. Nevertheless My will come to pass.”

When our faith encounters a situation this one word is activated bringing the ability to change the outcome of situations. Nevertheless-at your Word oh God- things always change!

Now, I don’t know about you, but I find “nevertheless” to be a funny-word that looks like it is squished together with other words. Have you ever felt squished? Are you feeling squished in a situation right now? Depending on what version of the Bible you use it “Nevertheless” appears 97 times, and often follows a concession.

Luke 5 records the “Nevertheless miracle of the fishes” and we suddenly find ourselves seeing the power of the word “nevertheless.” There were two boats (because fishermen often worked together in a coop arrangement to catch more fish), the fishermen washing out the nets that they used getting ready to go home. In one of those boats was Simon Peter- a fisherman by trade who knew his job and it’s obvious he really didn’t want to throw his nets out again. They’d just spent the whole night out on the water casting those nets into the waters and kept coming up with nothing. Peter knew those waters and his experience told him wash the nets it’s time to go home. Two boats, multiple fisherman, but only Peter is mentioned saying, “Nevertheless at thy Word...” And look what happened? Peter got a miracle (he got a boatload of fish!).

Lets be real, fishing all night long and catching nothing is a pretty negative experience. What’s your negative experience? What have been “waiting” for? Today, the Lord wants you to experience by faith the power of the word “Nevertheless.” Stop right now and say, “Nevertheless at thy word I trust You!

Friends, it gets better- in the Old Testament, the original Hebrew means, “a ceasing, an end, a finality.” However, in todays passage the New Testament Greek, translates “nevertheless” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon, Abridged) to mark a transition to something new after a negative sentence. WOW... To mark a transition to something new after a negative sentence (or experience). Do you hear this? Nevertheless marks transition to something new after something negative!!!!

I feel strongly to stress the Lord wants you to walk in the fullness of “Nevertheless at thy Word” in your life today. For some of you....the enemy is telling you what you are waiting for isn't going to happen. All those prayers you’ve prayed are for nothing. Your current situation isn’t going to change. Perhaps you are hearing you will never see that marriage change, or you aren’t ever going to see that healing or those lost ones saved.

Whatever it is you are waiting for the Lord says, "There is power in your steps when you believe My Word... "Nevertheless, at thy Word oh God I believe You!" God I believe there is power when faith encounters Nevertheless, power that has the ability to change everything.

Yes, you've be toiling for a long time in these waters, but the Lord says, "Let down the nets of faith." God's timing is above yours. Sometimes you just can't comprehend all that He is, or is about to do.

Nevertheless teaches us that obedience to the Word of God causes us to grow in our faith. Nevertheless allows God to perform the supernatural while at the same time, increasing our trust and dependence upon Him and His Word. NEVERTHELESS- oh God- Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in my life!

- NEVERTHELESS He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry (Psalm 106:44)
- NEVERTHELESS my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail (Psalm 89:33)
- NEVERTHELESS, God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," (2 Timothy 2:19)
- NEVERTHELESS he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known" (Psalm 106:8)
- There are many devices in a man's heart; NEVERTHELESS the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand" (Proverbs 19:21)
- And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: NEVERTHELESS not as I will, but as thou wilt (Matthew 26:39)
- 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 (Luke 5:5).
- Jesus said, "It is necessary for you that I go away, NEVERTHELESS I will send the Comforter (Holy Spirit)However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.[c] John 16L7-16

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