Put Out Into Deep Water And Let Down Your Nets!

Luke 5:1-11

- 1. One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God,
- 2. he saw at the water's edge two <u>boats</u>, <u>left there by the fishermen</u>, who were washing their nets.
- 3. He got into <u>one of the boats</u>, 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.
- 4. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."
- 5. Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."
- 6. When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.
- 7. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.
- 8. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"
- 9. For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,
- 10. and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."
- 11. So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Jude 1:3 - Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

Boats = Kingdom calling (more than 1 boat... work together)

Left there by fisherman = Christians who have abandoned their posts following the flesh

Nets = tools, abilities, anointings

Washing their nets = quitting, throwing in the towel, discouraged, disillusioned.

- #1 If we are going to Put out into deep water and let down your nets, you must get Jesus back in the boat!
- #2 To Put out into deep water and let down your nets, you must not only have Jesus in the boat of your lives, you must hear what he is saying!
- #3 To Put out into deep water and let down your nets, you must not only hear what He's saying, but you must obey or DO His Word!

Power= Dunamis... same Greek word used for Miracles

1 Cor. 4:20 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Ez. 47:9-10 - Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds--like the fish of the Great Sea.

Ez. 47:12 - Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."

Ez. 47:11 - But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt.

1Got Jesus in the boat

2Heard his word

30beyed his word