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**Scriptures:** Luke 5: 1-7

**Food for thought:** UNCOMMON INSTRUCTIONS

**Scripture:** Luke 5:1-7 *“And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And 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. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 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. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And 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.”*

Just like you and I would probably do when we have tried this & that and failed, Simon and his fellow fishermen were washing their nets and had resigned themselves to going home without a catch that night. On receiving the instruction from Jesus, they told Him, *“Master, we have toiled all the night, and have caught nothing”*.

Perhaps under their breath they were saying, “His profession is carpentry, does He not know that we fished all night and caught nothing?” These were experienced fishermen. They had done all they could and had caught nothing! Indirectly, they were telling Him, “we have failed tonight; it’s one of those bad nights for us Jesus”. Today one would put it this way, “the economy is bad”, “business is not doing well”, “I have not sold anything the whole day”, “employers are retrenching and many people are being laid off”. “Banks are not lending”, “the stock market is not doing well” etc etc. But Jesus the All-Knowing knew what the fishermen had gone through and He had the solution for them.

Jesus knows everything you are going through right now and believe it or not, He has the solution for every one of them. He knows your down sitting and your uprising, (Psalm 139:2) and He has a plan for you! His plans for you are not for evil but for good, to give you a future and an expected end.

**Jesus told Simon, “Launch out into the deep.”**

Beloved, this month some of the instructions you will receive from God may not be logical according to your experience or teaching BUT receive and obey the instruction anyhow.

Jesus gave them the instruction in daytime; but fishing is done at night. This did not make sense to these experienced fishermen. But Peter said *“Master, we have toiled all the night, and have caught nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net”*.

Do not try to analyze any instruction you receive from the Master. He knows the end in the beginning and any instruction He gives is for your good. In man’s opinion, the current economy

is not doing well – God may give you an instruction to invest; you need to obey! Peter and his friends launched into the deep and there was a great catch.

The Bible records that the boats were almost sinking! Friend, this was the same sea that they had caught nothing in for the whole night. The principle here is, the sea does not matter, it is the instruction that matters. You may be on the same job, in the same country, with the same income, with the same educational level...none of these matters. What matters most is the instruction that God has given to you. I pray that God will cause you to hear His voice, receive His instruction and may He grant you the grace to perform that which He tells you to do.

As all the instructions that you receive this month materialize into miracles and testimonies, may you be careful to give God all the glory too. May the revelation of the greatness of God and your inadequacies be very clear to you in Jesus Mighty Name.

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