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The Difference Just One Day Can Make
Luke 5:1-11

It was a time when Jesus was in the early stages of helping the disciples to know Him. It was just one day in their journey of coming to understand who Jesus was and why He came, sort of like us. Jesus was teaching crowds on the seashore including some disciples who had been fishing.

In the New Living Translation, it reads like this:

(verse 1) "One day, Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee." (verse 2) He noticed two empty boats and (verse 3) He stepped into one of them and continued to teach. I recognize this same pattern, not only in my journey with the Lord, but also in many with whom I serve. Just any given day the Lord will notice something about our lives and step in. It might be our circumstances, or an opportunity for growth. It might be the Lord preparing us for what is ahead, or it might be Him protecting us. It might be His calling us to join Him in His plan and purpose. Whatever the case, one day then becomes a very important day as our great God is working in our life for His perfect purpose.

(verses 3 & 4) Once in the boat Jesus continued teaching and then said, "Now go," to them. It was Jesus saying I want you to go and put into practice what I have been teaching you. In this case specifically, He was telling them how to do what they had been doing, differently. (verse 5) They had been fishing, but Jesus told them to go out again and put down their nets. They responded by saying we've fished all night with no results but finally said, "but if you say so" we will, and they did. When done God's way, the result was very different. (verse 6) Their nets were so full (verse 7) they had to shout for help. Their boats were filled.

(verse 8) "When Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus." He was overwhelmed in his experience with Jesus, as were the others with him. (verse 10) Then Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will be fishing for people." (verse 11) And, when they landed, "they left everything and followed Jesus."

On any given day Jesus will notice a moment in our lives. He will speak into our lives, and we will have to respond. When we follow Him the results will be His. May our response to the Lord always be, YES Lord, I choose to follow you and your way.



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