The Message Notes Message: *Trust Me* Messenger: Elder Derrick Varner Scripture: Luke 5:1-9 Date: July 24, 2022



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Objective: I want to encourage believers that following Christ's instructions requires us to be attentive (*focus*) and intentional (*purposeful*) to get the desired results (*outcome*) as we share the Good News to win souls for the Kingdom of God.

You must know your assignment! Luke 4:43, Matt 28:19-20

Message Points:

1) Get in position (*mindset*) and be willing to ______to the Word. Luke 5:1, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 3:15, John 1:1

Luke 5:1 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds **pressed** in on him to **listen** to the word of God.

Do you struggle with listening?

Romans 10:17 So then **faith** comes by hearing, and hearing by the **word** of God

Application: Suspend activities, spend time in the Word of God and with His people to sharpen our listening skills and strengthen our faith in God. James 4:9

2) After receiving information requires me to _____ (obey) instructions. James 1:22, Matthew 16:24, Luke 5:4-5, Luke 6:49, Deut 5:32

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Develop a "Lord, if you say so" mentality

Go – a command (I'm with you) Psalms 32:8, Matt 28:18-20

Deeper - unfamiliarity, unknown (takes faith) Hebrews 11:1

But, if you say so – Trust Me (Luke 5;5, Proverbs 20:24)

Application: Discontinue the excuses about what God has called us to do and follow through with His instructions.

3) As Christ-followers, we want to reap a ______ for the Kingdom of God. Harvest is an agricultural term - the gathering of things planted and watered. 1Cor. 3:6-9

Luke 5:6-7 (NLT) And this time their **nets** were so full of fish they began to tear! A **shout** for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both **boats** were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

- a. Now is not the time to give up. Galatians 6:9
- b. God is the one that adds to the church. Acts 2:47b

Astonishing Results are in the Obedience

For he and all who were with him were **astonished** at the catch of fish which they had taken. Luke 5:9 (NKJV)

- c. People are important to Christ. Luke 19:10, Jude 1:23. For the Son of Man came to **seek** and save those who are **lost**. Luke 19:10
- d. Know that you are chosen. 1 Peter 2:9
- e. Duplicate what Jesus did -- be a Fisher of People.

Matthew 4:9 Jesus called out to them, "Come, **follow** me, and I will **show** you how to fish for **people**!" Matthew 4:9

<u>Characteristics of Fisherman</u> -Patience -Practice with the Right Equipment -Passion -Faith

Application: Remember our primary objective as Christ-follower is to be Fisher of people resulting in building the Kingdom of God.