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# DAY 1

**READ**  
**Luke 5:1-3**

Have you ever watched the show “Chopped?” Contestants are given a random basket of ingredients and, depending on which round they’re in, have to make either an appetizer, a main course, or a dessert from what they have in front of them. We once played a version of this in a Creative Team meeting. Each person was given two minutes to come up with a children’s sermon based on a basket of random items. It was a lot of fun, and a good reminder that God gives us many opportunities to share our faith in everyday life.

In today’s text we see Jesus approach some fishermen. Jesus took what they had, in this case a boat, and used it to teach the people. Jesus had already developed a following, and many crowded around to hear him teach. The boat would provide a little space between Jesus and the masses. It also allowed the people to hear him better because the water would amplify his voice once Simon pulled him away from the shore.

Just a simple boat. It was all Simon had, but Jesus used it to spread his message.

**What do you have that could be used to share the gospel?**

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# DAY 2

(Reading only)  
Jeremiah 1:1-8

# DAY 3

## READ

### Luke 5:4-6

Have you ever had trouble finding something, and then, when someone tries to help, you quickly reply, “I already looked in there.” Or maybe you can’t get something to work, and after you’ve monkeyed with it for an hour, someone suggests a method you’ve already tried. Even though they are well intentioned, it can leave us feeling irritated.

Here, the disciples have tried to fish all night, with no success. Jesus tells them to go back and try again. I love Simon’s response as he catches himself saying, “We’ve already tried that.” He ends with, “But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

Astonishingly, their nets are filled to overflowing. But catch this (no pun intended), it is not because of their fabulous fishings skills. It is not because Jesus knew a special time of day to fish. It wasn’t because they tried really hard. No, they caught the fish because they were obedient.

Sometimes, the Spirit of God will prompt us to reach out to someone we have already tried and failed to reach for Christ. The great comfort is to remember that it doesn’t depend on us or our abilities or skills. All we must do is be obedient.

**What is God asking you to do today?**

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# DAY 4

## READ

### Luke 5:8-9 & Isaiah 6:1-8

Surprise! There is an extra devotion this week. The word of God is alive and always speaking. This small little passage in Luke had so many wonderful jewels from God, we just had to expand our study.

The passage in Luke is picking up where we left off yesterday. Simon, stunned by the miracle of the full nets, realizes he isn't just in the presence of another man like himself. The second passage you read is from the Old Testament. It is a vision experienced by the prophet Isaiah. He was a prophet to the Kings of Judah, a faithful messenger of God.

Even though these men lived at different times, one a common fisherman and the other a prophet who spent his days among leaders and royalty, you might notice a similarity. When Isaiah saw the glory of God, he was overwhelmed and very aware of his own sinfulness. Just as the angel purified Isaiah with coals from the altar, Jesus comforts Simon, telling him not to be afraid. Jesus is the means by which all people will be purified from their sins. Both Isaiah and Simon are then called.

**Notice, their fittedness doesn't come from themselves, but from the power of God. They must only answer the call and obey.**

# DAY 5

READ  
Luke 5:8-11

There is one more thing that stood out in this whole passage throughout the week (Luke 5:1-11) If you were doing a play of this story, the one object you would really need would be a boat. From the first few verses to the last, the boat plays an important role. First, the boat is all that Simon has. It is his means of income. Jesus uses the boat. After that, Jesus blesses Simon and the other fishermen using the boat, catching more fish than they could ever have hoped for. Finally, when Jesus calls them to a new task, fishing for people, they pull their boats on shore and leave everything.

We may be willing to offer what we have for Jesus' use. Surely, we are willing when God uses what we have to bless us. But how do we feel when Jesus calls us away from that job, home, position, ministry or location, so that we can follow him to a new thing?

***Lord, help me to have my palms up, ready to use what I have for your gospel, receive what blessings you have for me, and if needed, to release what I have when you call me to something new.***

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