

TELL THE WORLD

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PERSPECTIVE & MEANING

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For a lot of us, we find ourselves caught in a mundane cycle of life. A real repetitiveness in it can become quite dull.

What's your meaning? What are you building that lasts?

Now before you get too depressed.

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LETTING JESUS INTO YOUR BOAT

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 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."

Letting Jesus into your boat is the beginning of developing the relationship with God. And at this point they don't understand.

But what we're seeing is that this is beginning of developing a relationship with God.

For a lot of us, we start out thinking about Christianity. What does it mean to be a Christian. And when we think about that, we're thinking about behaviour — going to church, singing in worship, praying, churchy' stuff.

But behaviour doesn't make someone a Christian.

There's a relationship that needs to happen. And that's hard for us. Because as much as we yearn for relationship and connection, we find ourselves discovering that we don't know that much about it.

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DISCOVERING WHAT LIFE CAN LOOK LIKE

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Peter, a trained fisherman, starts saying, okay, well, maybe i don't trust this guy, or know him that much, but i'm going to submit — maybe out of respect. —

2. **who your focus is.** the difference between a person as a focus and a task as a focus.

There's a couple things we immediately see in this passage — Discovering a relationship with Jesus, affects your relationships with people around you as well. But life with Jesus, isn't static. it's not just a task. It's living and real.

But what's that mean.

It means we change how we pray. It means it changes our faith. What we believe in. What we believe can do

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Our relationship with God, that line

"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

It's saying, God, I am so far from you, and from who I want to be, or need to be — and you fall at his feet, hoping that there's a chance to walk with him.

And then when Jesus says, don't be afraid, from now on you'll fish for people. He's not talking to pastors, or missionaries. he's talking to all of us.

God has come to transform the very relationships that we have with one another. There is no end to his hope.

It means we discover the joys of investing in one another.

AND YOU?

1. Let Jesus into your boat
2. Jesus teach me how to live.
 1. God expand what you can do in my relationships with people around me. There are those who are close. Those who should be close. It's not about expectations, and what you expect they should be like — the focus is on Jesus. Jesus teach me how to live.
3. Find new ways to serve
 1. You know more about Jesus, as you walk with one another in life.
 2. Youth ministry, great bunch of teens. But there's so much more breakthrough that needs to happen.
 3. University Students
 4. LifeGroups
 5. Informal ways — praying together, meeting together, eating together.
4. The Power of Prayer
 1. Let someone pray for you.
 2. You pray for someone