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Heart to Heart with God Nevertheless at thy Word

“4. Now when he (Jesus) had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your net for a draught. 5. 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” (Luke 5:4-5).

What a wonderful and blessed encounter with the Lord! My heart is blessed to read this portion of Scripture. Peter, the expert fisherman was finally surrendered to the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ! Being a expert fisherman, he toiled whole night and could not get any fish. Discouraged, down in his heart he just wanted to clean his net and wash it from the dirt at the sea shore. There comes the Master, Jesus, followed by huge crowds, asks Peter to push his boat little further in the water and sits in and starts teaching the crowd about God and how we should live our lives. While washing his nets Peter was listening what Jesus was teaching! After finished teaching, Jesus turned to Peter and said to him, “Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught.”

Peter might have thought in his heart, “Master, you may be expert in teaching people but you have never done fishing at any time. I am an expert fisherman, I do know how and when to fish. But finally Peter might have thought that let me do what he says, even I tried my best last night. Even it is not the time to fish, but let me try. And Peter might have gone little further and let his net, for his amazement he could not pull out his net and had to call his partners to help him and they all somehow pulled the net and found that multitude of fishes that their net broke. Somehow they pulled the boat at the shore and Peter in his amazement fell at the feet of Jesus and said, “Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” What a confession, what a beautiful encounter with Jesus that Peter’s life is changes completely! Jesus said to Peter, “Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men”

I remember here Isaiah. Isaiah chapter 6:1, “In the years that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.” When Isaiah saw the glory of God as he encountered with the Lord, he said, “Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” And this confession was heard by the Lord, “6. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.” After this the Lord has commissioned Isaiah for a ministry, “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me” (Vs. 8).

Are you tired, discouraged and cast down in your spirit seeing day and night toiling in the ministry and not seeing any fruit? I believe the time has come to listen to the Lord and follow His way and the success will come. Yes, Peter said, “**Nevertheless, at thy Word I will let down my net!**” **Peter’s reluctant obedience helped him.**

Let us listen to the Lord’s voice and do according to His Word, in His way and we will see the abundant fruit. He has called us to be fishers of men. “**HE THAT WINNETH THE SOUL IS WISE!**” “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise” (Proverbs 11:30).

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

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