

Then Jesus said to Simon (Peter), "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5: 10-11

Good morning, men!

In this passage Jesus has just helped Peter, James and John catch a massive amount of fish. These men were stunned by what they had witnessed. Then Jesus invited them to follow him. If they chose to follow, he would use them to bring people into the Father's net of faith, hope, love and new life. Thankfully they all agreed, left their nets, and began walking with Jesus.

There is always so much more going on around us than we realize. We have the world as we know it, at least in our small little area of it. However, the Father is constantly at work behind the scenes through the Holy Spirit, doing so much more. This is His world and He is always at work.

The vast majority of what the Father is doing we may never know. Even our part in His work may be mostly hidden from us. That's okay! I believe once we get to heaven the Lord will sit us down and show us the countless ways He used us to help others while we were on this earth. Just like His first disciples, we don't need to know the plan. We simply need to be willing to follow.

In this new year, may all of us commit to walk more closely with the Heavenly Father than ever before. If so, He will lead us and use us all in powerful, miraculous and beautiful ways. He will move us beyond our fear to acts of loving kindness. The word of encouragement you speak to that co-worker today may be used by the Father to literally save his/her life. The invitation to a bible discussion group may be enough for the Lord to turn someone's heart back to Him, whether they come to the group or not. The impact of graciously leading your family to Jesus is immeasurable.

Do not be afraid. Submit to the Lord today. Give Him your life. He has always used ordinary men to change His world.

Your brother on the Journey,

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