Turn Your Setbacks Into Comebacks

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When You Come Up Empty

Empty Nets

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. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and He asked him to push out a little from the shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When Jesus finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Now go out into the deep water and let down your nets, and you will catch many fish."

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all night and we caught nothing. But because You say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full of fish that they began to sink!

Luke 5: 1-7

The Miracle of Acceleration

The Miracle of Acceleration: When God speeds up the natural process to bring about supernatural results. Remember, God can do more in your life in 10 minutes than you can do in 10 years!

"According to your faith it will be done unto you." (Matthew 9:29)

What to Do in a Discouraging Situation

1. I need to give Jesus _____

Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and He asked him to push out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat. (Luke 5:3)

- What is your boat?

  Your boat is how you _____

- What does it mean to have Jesus in your boat?

  It means you dedicate your _____

Have you committed your boat to Jesus?

Peter's fishing business went from "nothing" to "overflowing." What changed? Not the nets, the boats, or the business partners. They just needed to put Jesus in charge of that boat.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God … and then all these other things will be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

When you need a comeback,
here's the starting point: Get Jesus in your boat!