



The First Words of Peter

Luke 5:5

OUTLINE

- **Introduction**
- **“Master, we have toiled all the night,”**
- **“and have taken nothing:”**
- **“nevertheless at thy word, I will let
down the net.”**
- **Conclusion/Invitation**

Introduction

- **Fishing: the act of catching fish.**
- **Fishing was a basic practice in bible times (survival as well as career).**
- **Fishing was an honorable profession, yet it was viewed as a lower class.**

(Acts 4:13)

Background

*Crowd follows Jesus.

*Peter cleans nets (finished fishing).

*Christ teaches from Peter's ship.



The Command

“Launch out into the deep
and let down your nets for a
draught (catch).”

Luke 5:4



SAYING #1: "Master, we have toiled all the night."

- Toiling – weary from labor. Desire to let physical overtake our duty to work.
- This is a normal feeling but not permission to quit. **Isaiah 41:10**
- REST is the key: God did **Genesis 2:2**, Old Law commanded it **Deuteronomy 5:13-14**, Christ urged it **Matthew 11:28-29**



Saying #2:

“and have taken (caught) nothing.”

- We must avoid having a “this is pointless” attitude.
- Working with Jesus yields different results **Matthew 19:26.**
- We must nurture the proper perspective **Ephesians 5:15-16** and make the most of every opportunity we have.
- God expects us to give account **2 Corinthians 5:10.**
- We need to take Jesus at his word **Hebrews 5:9.**
- Remember HIS promise (always a promise with a command) **Isaiah 46:3-4; Job 1:21** we are not still here by accident!

Saying #3:

“Nevertheless, at thy word, I will let down the net.”

- **Nevertheless = “in spite of.” This word transitions excuses into service.**
- **God will not do what we are capable of doing ourselves; if we have an opportunity, there is a reason.**
- **We must ignore excuses; quitting is easy; service can be difficult.**

Saying #3: cont.

“Nevertheless, at thy word, I will let down the net.”

What is our level of trust?

Do we have an Adam/Eve level? God promised **Genesis 2**

They did not trust **Genesis 3**

Abraham/Sarah level? God promised **Genesis 15**

They did not trust **Genesis 16**

- Building Trust: **2 Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 3:5-6**

Conclusion

Fishing requires:

- Right time
- Right bait
- Right understanding of fish
- Right equipment
- PATIENCE

- What does our service require?

Lord's Invitation

Those who need to turn their lives to Christ

Hear –Romans 10:17

Believe –Acts 16:22

Repent –Luke 13:3

**Confess (Name of Christ) –Romans
10:9-10**

Be Baptized –Acts 2:38

Those who need to return to Christ

Repent of Sins –Acts 8:22

**Confess (Sins to God) –
1 John 1:9**

Pray Forgiveness -Acts 8:22