

The Connection!

For he **and all** who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "**Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.**" Luke 5:9-10 NKJV

God shows you the other side of the boat. We think we can help God out. We think we know what to do, we think we can take it from here. But such self effort will produce only one thing – failure. And when we fail, God always comes to show us the other side of the boat. For three years after this encounter, Peter must have wrestled with these words from Jesus, 'from now on you will catch men'. Catch men? Who wants to do that? I'm a fisherman; my dad was a fisherman, my son will be a fisherman. That's who I am.

But when you become connected by the spirit with the living God, the rules as you learned them no longer apply! You are connected with God! Because you are connected to God, you are connected to life. Death has gone, life has come. But God will always supply to you from the side of the boat that you have rejected or ignored!

Your days of rejection are over and now you are connected. But you cannot be connected to God on your own. If you are in relationship with Christ, you are in relationship with His church. There is no separation, there is no difference; He is the head and we are the body. The Bible calls it 'the mystery'. Had the devil understood this he never would have crucified the Lord of Glory.

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