

Casting Your Net

Today I am going to speak about John 21: 4-8. I am going to bring out something that may have never been brought out before in such a way that God will show us a new understanding.

Now let us read in

John 21: 4-8

4. But when the morning was now come (they had fished all night, but without success), Jesus stood on the shore (presents the beginning of a most valuable lesson): but the Disciples knew not that it was Jesus (Once again portrays the same experience as had by others).

5. Then Jesus said unto them, Children have you any meat? (This question was meant to draw them out, because their concern at the time was making a living for their families.) They answered Him, No (showed their lack of success for a night's work).

6. And He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and you shall find (what must have been their thoughts concerning the admonitions of this stranger!). They cast therefore (seems to suggest that John may have suspected this was the Lord), and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes (this appearance of Christ addressed the life problem of "care")

7. Therefore that Disciple whom Jesus loved (John) said unto Peter, It is the Lord (without a doubt, it would be one of the greatest moments of their lives). Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girded his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) (does not refer to a total lack of clothing, but rather that he had laid aside his outer garments in order that it not be soiled), and did cast himself into the sea (percents such being done not to attend to the overburdened net, but rather to come quickly to Jesus.)

I pray that God will help me bring out His message to us in full totality. This story took place after the death, the burial and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus' disciples were now on the sea, tending to other things. They were worried now about how to feed their families. Forgetting all the things that God had told them. They had left the Cross of Christ and now went on their way trying to fulfill their needs in another

manner.

This is where the people of the church are now. We have gave our hearts and lives to Jesus, but for some reason the church is now taking things in their own hands, leaving the Cross of Christ behind them and looking toward other things; such as self works, word of faith doctrines, prosperity doctrines, and so on and so forth. Just like the disciples we have taken things into our own hands, trying to do it ourselves.

The disciples had been fishing all night long. No fish, (no spiritually growth.) Jesus was trying to show us something. If we leave our first love, Jesus Christ and Him Crucified then the Cross becomes to us as none effect. If we leave Christ Crucified, we then will be fishing without catching anything. We wonder why many people get saved, and at first in their Christian life they are so on fire for God, but then after a while they fall by the wayside.

Well the reason is this. Most preachers preach Salvation through the Cross, but after salvation they turn to something else other than Christ Crucified for every thing they need. They begin to take it in their own hands, they begin to work their way to heaven. If I read my bible I will make myself good enough, If I pray everyday, I will be good enough, If I speak it I will be good enough, If I try hard enough I will be good enough to make it through this life, this test that God has put us through. NO!, I say No!... You do not earn salvation, you do not earn victory, you do not succeed by anything you do. You can do nothing without Christ Jesus. He has conquered every problem we face in life at the Cross of Calvary. He shed his precious blood to give us Victory over sin.

People we need to come back to the Cross of Christ, We need to put Christ and Him Crucified as the center of our faith, The core of everything. Once we do this, we will no longer be fishing for Souls and keep coming up with an empty net. We need to be casting our nets on the right side, not the wrong side.

We need to put aside these false doctrines. We need to come back to The Cross. Once we put aside this Prosperity Preaching and we realize that this is false doctrine, then we will see the truth of the matter. We can not give money to get money. God never said anything of the sort. This is the Prosperity message, and the ones preaching this message are prosperity pimps. They are trying to sale Jesus. Jesus can not be sold, nor bought. Jesus is a gift to be accepted and believed.

People we need to come back to the Cross. We need to be casting our nets on the right side. And that Side it the Message of Christ and Him Crucified. We must Preach Christ and Him Crucified. It is by this message along that people are saved, People are healed,

People are set free from bondage, People become over comers. It is the Message of The Cross. WE must find our way back to the truth.

Church, Preachers, We must quite casting our nets on the wrong side of the boat. We must understand that the Message should be Christ and Him Crucified, and nothing other than this. For if we do, then we are leading people away from the true message of Salvation, Victory, and Healing. We preach Christ Crucified. By any other means than this, we make the Cross to none effect. God can not work in our lives if we are not centered in the Cross. It is the Cross, It is the Cross of Christ. We need to cast our nets on the right side of the boat.

Once our nets, our message, our lives, our hope, our faith, is cast on the right side, which is the Message of The Cross, It is Christ Crucified; our nets will over flow with blessings. We will see, people saved, we will see souls healed, we will see miracles that God has been wanting to bless us with, come to pass. But first we must cast our nets (place our faith strictly in the Cross of Christ and Him Crucified.)

I will show you why...

First is says in **1 Corinthians 14: 33**

33. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace (the Holy Spirit will never contradict Himself), as in all Churches of the Saints. (These instructions give by Paul pertain to all Churches, and not merely the Church at Corinth).

Now let us look at **1 Corinthians 1:18**

18. For the Preaching (Word) of the Cross is to them who perish foolishness (Spiritual things cannot be discerned by unredeemed people, but that doesn't matter; the Cross must be Preached just the same, even as we shall see); but unto us which are saved it is the Power of God. (The Cross is the Power of God simply because it was there that the total sin debt was paid, giving the holy Spirit, in Whom the Power resides, latitude to work mightily within our lives.)

Take a look at this:

1 Corinthians 1: 17

17. For Christ sent me not to baptize (presents us to Cardinal Truth), but to Preach the Gospel (the manner in which one may be saved from sin): not with wisdom of words (intellectualism is not the Gospel), lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect. (This tells us in no uncertain terms that the Cross of Christ must always be the emphasis of the Message).

Also 1 Corinthians 1: 10

10. Now (implies the transition, from thanksgiving to reproof) I beseech you (I beg you), Brethern, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (proclaims the Lord as the Head of the Church), that you all speak the same thing (demands unity with respect to the Person of Christ and what He has done to Redeem us through the Cross) and that there be no divisions among you (as it regards Christ and the Cross); but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same Judgment (presents that which can only be done by the Cross ever being the Object of one's Faith, which then gives the Holy Spirit the latitude to bring about the things in our lives.)

Praise God. Praise God. Let us Cast our Nets on the right side. Let us become fishers of men (souls.) Let us Preach Christ and Him Crucified. For if Christ be raised up (Crucified) He will draw all men unto Him. So let us now Cast Our Nets On the Right Side. Let us found our faith in The Cross of Christ and What the Holy Spirit Change us to God's will.

I feel a Change a Coming.

Christians, Church, People of God, Cast your nets On the Right Side, Remove them from the Wrong side, and become fishers of men (souls)..

God bless you all.

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