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JESUS KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING

Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”
(Luke 5:5)

Was it easy or difficult for Peter to speak those words? After all, this is Peter we’re talking about – the one who usually liked to be in control of the situation. Peter was a professional fisherman – he knew the best times and places to fish. Now Jesus, the carpenter’s son, comes along and tells him to fish at the wrong time of day in the wrong place of the lake. Jesus’ command was the complete opposite of everything Peter knew and had experienced.

Yet, Peter did as Jesus said. Peter knew that Jesus was more than a mere man from Nazareth. Peter knew that Jesus was the true Son of God. Therefore, Peter said, **“because you say so, I will let down the nets”** and turned the situation over to Jesus. The result was miraculous – literally! And that was just the beginning. Peter would soon see Jesus heal blind people and paralyzed people . Peter would see Jesus calm the sea and walk on water. Peter would see Jesus bring the dead back to life. Peter would see Jesus himself rise from the dead.

How difficult is it for you to turn the situation over to Jesus? Whether that situation involves being sick or having troubles in your family, or problems at school; the Lord is there to help you. It may seem as though Jesus is doing nothing. It may seem as though Jesus doesn’t care. You may feel like you have to be in control of the situation because Jesus obviously isn’t. But the truth is that Jesus is with us and promises that he will continue to strengthen us and eventually take us to heaven. The Lord has miraculously rescued us from our sins. He has seen us through many difficulties in life. He will be with us always. Although we experience many situations that don’t make sense to us, we turn them over to Jesus and sigh, “Lord, because you say so”.

THE PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, you know that sometimes I worry too much. You also know that there are times in my life when it feels like everything is out of control – and I don’t like it. Help me Lord to trust in your ways. Give me the patience to wait for you to do what you know is best for me and my family and friends. Help me to realize once again that you really do know what you are doing and that you will indeed take care of me now and always. In your wise and powerful name, Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.