

## WHEN YOU'VE HAD A BUSINESS SETBACK

How God Turns Setbacks into Comebacks  
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Luke 5:1-11

*"One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat." Luke 5:1-3 (NIV)*

*"When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' 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 5:4-5 (NIV)*

*"When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full they began to sink!" Luke 5:6-7 (NIV)*

### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'VE HAD A BUSINESS SETBACK

("When You've Come Up Empty")

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#### • I MUST GET JESUS

My boat is: What I do to make a living

What does it mean to have Jesus in my boat?

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Which of these is preventing me from admitting I need help?  
PRIDE? STUBBORNNESS? FEAR? (circle)

3. Even if it seems illogical, you can't afford it, or it appears foolish to others.

*"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 (NIV)*

**WHEN:** "Now launch out"

**WHAT:** "Let down your nets"

**WHERE:** "into deep water"

**What has God told you to do that you still haven't done?**

Be baptized? Start serving? Forgive someone? Start tithing?

4. The Faith Factor: You must trust him to do what he says he'll do.

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### PETER'S REACTION

*"When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners." Luke 5:8-9 (NIV)*

### THE REAL LESSON

*"Jesus replied to Simon, 'Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!' And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus." Luke 5:10-11 (NLT)*

### WHICH IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO DO?

#1. Is Jesus calling ME to leave my job to serve him full-time?  
Am I willing to do that "because he says so"?

OR

#2. Is Jesus calling ME to start using my job as a platform to share his message of hope? (Be a Marketplace Missionary)

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