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Truth Is to Be Experienced

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

Luke 6:4 (HCSB)

When Christ teaches you something about Himself, He implements it into your life through experience. As the crowds gathered around, Jesus chose to board Peter’s boat and teach the people from there. All day long Peter sat in the boat listening to Jesus teach the multitudes. **At the close of His discourse, Jesus allowed Peter to experience the reality of what He had just been teaching the crowd. The crowd had heard the truth, but Peter was to experience it.**

Jesus put His teaching into language a fisherman could understand. He told Peter to put out his nets into the deep water. Peter hesitated, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing.” He was tired. He probably was not expecting a dramatic encounter with God at a time like that. **Yet, as Peter obeyed Jesus, he pulled in such a miraculous catch of fish that his boat almost sank!** Peter was filled with amazement and recognized that he had just experienced the power of God (*Luke 5:4-11*). **He learned that with a command from Jesus, he could do any-thing. Thus, Jesus was able to reorder Peter’s priorities from catching fish to catching men (Luke 4:10). Peter’s obedience led to a dramatic new insight into the person of Jesus.** This was an invitation to walk with Jesus in an even more intimate and powerful way.

God does not want you to merely gain intellectual knowledge of truth. He wants you to experience His truth. There are things about Jesus you will learn only as you obey Him. **Your obedience will then lead to greater revelation and opportunities for service. AMEN.**

Drs. Henry and Richard Blackaby

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

