

JUST TOO UNFAVORABLE

Luke 5:4-8

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: All of us have been asked to do something for someone and it was just not the most favorable time or the most favorable thing we wanted to do. Sometimes we went ahead and did it, but sometimes we didn't, right? It depended upon who was doing the asking mostly. A disciple (Peter) was asked by Jesus to do something which he (the disciple) knew for certain wouldn't work for after all he knew more about it than did some carpenter (Jesus), after all he had been fishermen all his life and knew all about fishing, and here is Jesus telling him how to fish. Nothing Jesus told him to do was favorable, nothing was right about what He told him to do, but he went ahead and did what He said.

I. FIRST OF ALL IT WASN'T THE RIGHT TIME

- Night time was the best time to fish and that's what they had been doing, although they hadn't caught anything to speak of.
- The best time to fish was already gone.
- Work sometimes is very hard and stressful and times seems fruitless.
- Even vacations can be uneventful and should have been taken somewhere else at another time.

II. THEN THE PLACE JESUS TOLD HIM TO GO FISH IN WAS NOT A GOOD PLACE

- It was too close to the shore, too close to houses and such.
- There were good places to fish, but the place Jesus told them to go was not one of them.
- They were experienced, knew the waters very well and knew it would be useless.
- Sometimes in doing Church visitation we wait for a better time, wait till they come to Church first.

III. WHAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED ALL NIGHT WAS CATCHING NOTHING

- These men were very experienced fishermen and had been out all night at the best time, letting down their nets, pulling them up, letting them back down all night and had caught nothing.
- How many times have we put off doing something for the Lord, for the Church already having tried it all before and nothing came of it. didn't do any good, so no need to try again, same old thing will happen.

IV. HE WAS JUST TOO TIRED AND WORN OUT TO GO BACK OUT AGAIN

- The men had fished all night, working hard with the nets, rowing the boat, hours on end they had been out in the darkness trying to catch fish but had caught nothing and were tired and wanted to go to their homes and clean up and rest.
- However, to satisfy Jesus, whom Peter respected, he did what Jesus told him to do.
- We, too seem to be too tired to do something the Lord Jesus asks us to do, but do we do like Peter and go ahead and do it?

CONCLUSION:

1. Peter did what Jesus told him to do even though didn't believe anything would happen
2. If Peter had only known.
 - If Peter had faith, he would have borrowed all the nets he could find plus his own.
3. We are so much like Peter. We don't put enough of ourselves into working for the Lord, doing what He has instructed us to do.
4. Will doing what Jesus tells us to do work? Yes, it will pay back all we put into it.
5. Will our witnessing and visiting pay off ? Yes, God doesn't miss a thing done in the name of Jesus and reward His Children's obedience and effort.
6. Peter did what Jesus told him to do, even with doubts and was rewarded far beyond his wildest dreams.
 - Jesus will do that every time we do what He tells us to do, even if we have questions.