



## Midweek Meditation



*“Put out into the deep and let down your nets.” Luke 5:4*

*“Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”* This is not just a command. The command contains a promise. Simon had been out all night but failed to catch any fish. This time he will succeed for Jesus does not give empty commands. His commands contain promise and blessing. When Jesus told the paralytic to rise and walk, His command was filled with a promise. When He told the man with a withered hand to stretch it out, there was a promise in His command. And when He commands Simon to go fishing, this time he will catch fish.

And so will you. Whatever Jesus commands is a sure thing. You will be blessed...guaranteed. The only way Simon would not have brought in a large catch of fish is if he had refused to go; if he had told Jesus, “No.” The same is true for us.

And so whatever you do in life, when you have Jesus’ command to do it, blessings will come. Right away? Not always. And sometimes the blessings are hidden. Sometimes others are blessed as we follow the word and command of Jesus.

*“Make disciples,”* He commands, *“by baptizing and teaching.”* We cannot go wrong with this. For His promise to bless fills His command. *“Take eat...take drink,”* He says of His Sacrament. He fills His command with promise. This is a sure thing. Every time we come to His altar we are blessed whether we see it and feel it, or not. *“Search the Scriptures,”* He says. This is a guarantee. You will be blessed, and others through you, when you study His words of life.

Jesus assures you that you will catch fish where He directs you. He promises and He blesses. Guaranteed.

*Direct me, O Lord, to cast my nets where You promise to bless. Amen.*