

Ear to Hear

Swish, slap...silence (Midnight) Swish, slap...silence (2:00 a.m.) Swish, slap...nothing (3:30 a.m.) Swish, slap...deafening silence (5:00 a.m.) Last try... Swish, slap...empty, nothing, wasted night, bone tired & frustrated (daylight). Peter and his partners, the sons of Zebedee, James and John, and perhaps his brother Andrew fished all night and caught nothing. It sounds painfully familiar.

Has it ever seemed like nothing you try is working? Sometimes the harder you work, the behinder you get! Nothing is working with your kid. Your marriage problems never improve. Your health is deteriorating. You always seem to have money problems. There is so much stress at work always. Addictions or habits are never broken for good.

Whenever this crud is happening, there is a great temptation to feel sorry for your self. NEVER, EVER, FEEL SORRY FOR YOURSELF! Feeling sorry for your self is the road to destruction and ruin. Instead of feeling sorry for yourself, start looking for Jesus.

Luke 5.1-11

- It's not time to quit working on your marriage...working on your finances...working on that destructive habit.... It's not time to give up on your daughter...give up on your self....
- It's time to listen to Jesus. It's time to get a word from God.

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Hebrews 11.1-3—World created by God's Word

- God's Words have creative power.
- Words create realities. Words have the power to change existing situations.
- Your world is created by your words. God's Word in your mouth will produce new, positive results in your life.

Jeremiah 15.16—Creating a desire for the Word

Matthew 14.25-31—the journey of faith includes success and failure

- Did Peter lose faith in Jesus or himself?
- He did not give proper value to Jesus' words.
- Yet, I think we can hear Peter saying, "Next time, I won't doubt. Next time, I'm going all the way."
- He is learning and growing.

John 21.1-7—Developing a trained ear for Jesus' word

- The more fully developed your ear is toward Jesus' words, the quicker you respond.
- Your agreement and verbal confirmation brings about His desired end for you.

Words ... the Power of Words ... The Power of God's Word. The Power of God's Word spoken through your mouth ... Learn to hear what the Spirit is saying. Learn to speak Life Giving, Healing, Creating WORDS!

Discussion Guide

Primary Text: Hebrews 11:1-3

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We need to develop an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the body of Christ. God's words have creative power. Words create realities and words have the power to change existing situations. God's word in your mouth will produce new and positive results in your life. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Learn to hear what the Spirit is saying. Learn to speak life giving, healing, creating words!

Questions

- What do you need to be speaking over your life?
- When and how do words become weapons?
- How do words connect us to God? How do words connect us to each other?