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WHEN YOU'VE COME UP EMPTY

Luke 5:1-3 *"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 5:4-5 *"When Jesus had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Now launch out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Sir, we've worked hard all night and we haven't caught anything."* (NLT)
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Luke 5:4-7 "After Jesus finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Now, launch out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' 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 that they began to sink." (NLT)

Matthew 9:29 *According to your faith it will be done unto you.* (NLT)

WHAT TO DO IN A DISCOURAGING SITUATION

1. I give Jesus complete access to my life.

Luke 5:3 "Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon and he asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat." (NLT)

2. I admit that my efforts aren't working.

Luke 5:4-5 "When Jesus had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch.' Simon Peter answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and we haven't caught anything.'" (NLT)

3. I obey whatever Jesus tells me to do.

Luke 5:5 "But because you say so, I will let down the nets." (NLT)

4. I expect Jesus to turn things around.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 *"The one who calls you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it."* (NLT)

Luke 5:6-7 "*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 that they began to sink.*

2 *Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them".*

Luke 5:8-10 *"When Simon Peter saw this he fell at Jesus' knees and he said, 'Go away from me Lord; I'm 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."*

THE REAL LESSON:
*Luke 5:*10 *"Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."*

*Luke 5:*10-11 *"Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you'll catch men.' So they pulled up their boats on to the shore, left everything and followed Jesus."*