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## RECONSIDER AGAIN

*Luke 5:4-11*

Why should we be willing to drop everything and follow Jesus Christ? And what happens when we do? Reconsider the following:

1. *Jesus chooses not to minister to **others** all alone.* He could, but he deliberately chooses not to. He could have rowed that boat Himself. He could have dropped those nets over the side Himself. He certainly could have pulled up the nets choked with fish. Instead, He had the disciples do it. And He specifically stated, "From now on you will be catching men."
2. *Jesus uses the **familiar** to do the **incredible**.* He came to their turf (lake, boat), their place of work (fishing), and had them use their skills (nets). In a familiar setting, He made them aware of incredible possibilities.
3. *Jesus moves us from the **safety of the seen** to the **risks of the unseen**.* He led them "out into the deep water" where nobody could touch bottom before He commanded, "Let down your nets." Nothing spectacular occurs in shallow water.
4. *Jesus proves the **potential** by breaking our nets and filling our boats.* When God's hand is on a situation, nets break, and boats almost sink. It's His way of putting the potential on display.
5. *Jesus conceals His **surprises** until we follow His leading.* Everything was business as usual on the surface. The divinely arranged surprise came only **after** they dropped the nets. Remember, it wasn't until he followed Jesus' instructions that Peter changed "Master" to "LORD."
6. *Jesus reveals His **objective** to those who release their security.* He could read their willingness in their faces. Then—and only then—did He tell them they would be engaged in "catching men." And guess what—they jumped at the chance!

Jesus conceals His surprises until we follow His leading. Today, would you join me to drop the nets first?