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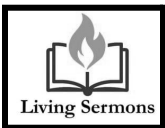
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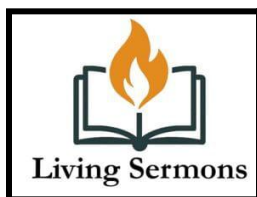
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Foreword

What unfolds in these pages is not theory. It is encounter language. It is the kind of Word that speaks into places where results have delayed, where obedience has felt costly, and where the quiet question has been, “Lord, have I been labouring in vain?”

But even there, the Scripture shows us something unchanging: Christ sees the boat. Christ enters the boat. Christ does not bypass the empty place—He occupies it.

That is the weight of this message.

It reminds us that emptiness is not rejection. It is often preparation. And what looks like wasted effort may, in the hands of God, become the very platform for revelation, overflow, and divine instruction.

There is also a gentle rebuke in these pages—not harsh, but clarifying. That faith is not always about control, but surrender. Not always about knowing, but obeying. “Nevertheless at Thy word” becomes the turning point where human limitation meets divine abundance.

As you read, do not rush it. Let it sit where it needs to sit. Because this is not just about Simon’s boat. It is about the places in our own lives where we have fished all night and caught nothing, yet heaven is still watching, still speaking, still guiding toward deep waters where miracles are waiting.

May this book stir again what disappointment tried to silence. May it restore courage to cast the net once more. And may it remind you—quietly, firmly—that no empty place is ever wasted when Christ steps into it.

— *Wisdom Epsi*
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

I'm so glad to have an opportunity to be with you. Having been able to be here during the Women's Conference and to be a part of that, and now to be able to share with you during a part of your Sunday services really is a huge treat for me.

I said to the women that I appreciate you letting me kind of hobble up on your platform. This is what happens when you try to take on your growing boys in a rousing game of basketball.

My husband and I had a three-on-three game with the boys and invited a couple of friends over. I used to not have to bring my A-game when I played the boys—you know, I had to let them win. But the problem now is I brought my A-game and they still won. They beat me very badly. I walked away with what we thought may have been a broken foot, but it was just some pulled tendons.

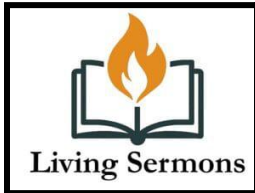
But I'm glad because I didn't want to miss this. I didn't want to miss being a part of this church. The work that happens in and through this church, through the leadership of this church, precedes you. We hear about what God does through your church in this area, and so to have an opportunity to serve you is our privilege.

I bring you greetings from my home church in Dallas, Texas, where my daddy is my pastor. He has been since I was one year old when they started the church where we still are members and love serving God there.

And I'm excited to share God's Word with you this morning because I believe in the power of God's Word. Do you believe in the power of God's Word? Amen.

It is not just a book with ink on a page. The Holy Spirit causes it to come alive to us. It is Spirit and life to us.

Let's pray.



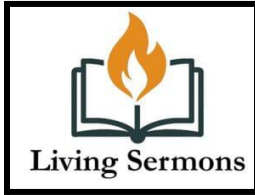
Prayer

Lord, I thank You so much for the privilege of hearing You speak. Thank You that every single time we come to the Scriptures, we can expect to feel the warm breath of God brushing across our cheeks as You speak a present-tense word into our lives.

So God, I'm praying that You would do what only You can do at this second service on this wet, cold Sunday in Austin. Would You take this one little message and divide it a couple of thousand different ways so that everybody under the sound of my voice will hear a direct personal word straight from the mouth of God?

Lord, we are glad each other is here, but we didn't come to see each other—we came to see You.

So speak, Lord. Your servants are listening. In Jesus' name, everybody said, Amen.



The Fishing Life

I have three boys: Jackson, 12; little Jerry Jr., 10; and Jude, our surprise six-year-old. My full-time job, my normal life job, is that I am a stay-at-home mum. I count it as my privilege to raise these boys who will grow up to be warrior men for Christ.

So life is very much like any parent knows—especially in the summer months when the children are at home all day long. The goal is to try to figure out how to get to bedtime more quickly than yesterday.

So we fill the hours with activities. We play basketball together, run errands together, and do many different things just to keep life full. One of the things we enjoy doing is going fishing. We live in a fairly rural part of the Dallas–Fort Worth area. It’s quiet, sleepy, and peaceful. We’ve got horses on one side, cows on another, and a neighbour across the street with a pond.

Rachel, one of my best friends, lets us come and fish there. We love going fishing on this pond because in one corner there’s always a school of small fish. So when we cast our line, almost immediately there’s a tug. Within three to five minutes, we’ve caught a fish—usually a small sun perch—and we throw it back and do it again.

It’s instant gratification fishing. My boys love it. But then we went to a Christian camp we attend every year. One morning, before breakfast, we went down to the lake to fish.

And this time... nothing.

No tug. No movement. No fish. Nothing under the water. I became intense, trying to figure out what was wrong. Then I looked up—and realised my boys weren't even there anymore. They had run off to play football in a nearby field.

I called out, "Boys! I am not out here early in the morning for my health. I came out here for y'all—get back here!"

One of them shouted back, "Mum, we don't like fishing like that." The other said, "Fishing's not supposed to be that hard." I sat there thinking about that line—*fishing is not supposed to be that hard*.

When Fishing Feels Hard

Somebody understands that feeling today. Not on a pond—but in life. You've been fishing in your marriage, your ministry, your business, your calling, your family. You've been investing time, energy, passion, creativity, and effort.

But it feels like you're coming up empty-handed. You keep giving in, but it doesn't feel like you're getting anything back. And maybe you're discouraged today because your fishing trip has gone bad.

But there is a fisherman in Scripture who understands that feeling. He didn't fish for one hour—he fished all night long... and caught nothing.

Luke 5:1–2 (KJV context)

Jesus was by the Sea of Galilee. The multitude was pressing in on Him, listening to the Word of God. He saw two boats. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

Notice this: **He saw Simon.**

Simon had already fished all night and caught nothing. He had already stepped out of the boat. He was discouraged, frustrated, and done.

The crowd was massive—thousands pressing in to hear Jesus. Everywhere Jesus went, there was chaos, need, desperation, expectation. But in the middle of all that noise...

Jesus saw one man.

That is the beauty of our God. He sees the multitude—but He also sees the individual. You are not lost in the crowd. It doesn't matter how big the church is, how many people are praying, how many needs are before Him—He still sees you. You may feel unseen by people around you, but you are fully seen by God.

Every tear. Every burden. Every night of worry. Every silent prayer. Not one of them is ignored. While the world worships gods that require pilgrimage and effort, our God is different. He does not wait for us to climb mountains to reach Him.

He comes down to us. He chooses to draw near because He loves us. He saw Simon. And because He saw Simon, we can be confident—He sees us.

Washing The Nets

Luke tells us something very specific: Simon and the others were washing their nets. That detail matters. Washing nets means one thing: the fishing trip is over. But there is something deeper here. If you are washing your net, it also suggests you still intend to use it again.

You don't wash what you are throwing away forever—you wash what you plan to use again. And Jesus did not rebuke him. No correction. No criticism. No disappointment. Because sometimes God meets us not at our success—but at our exhaustion. Because it was never meant to be a job for one person. When you were born into the family of God, you were not born into an only-child situation. This is a family.

And the reason why church on TV is a good addition—but should never replace gathering together—is because when you are not in the room, you are missing something vital: connection with fellow net-washers.

You and I are supposed to have people around us who love us enough to get down on their hands and knees on our behalf. People who help us tend to the net of our marriage, the net of our ministry, the net of our broken hearts, and the net of our parenting. And then encourage us to get back into the boat that God has called us to.

So Simon is washing his net... and Jesus sees it.

When Jesus Steps Into the Boat

Luke 5:3 tells us what happens next:

Jesus got into one of the boats—which was Simon's—and asked him to push out a little from the land. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Jesus got into Simon's boat. That is not a small detail. What is most interesting is not just that Jesus got into the boat—but that Simon had just gotten out of it.

Verse 2: Simon gets out.

Verse 3: Jesus gets in.

The very thing that represented disappointment for Simon became the very platform Jesus chose for ministry. What had been emptied became occupied by Christ.

The Empty Place Becomes the Platform of God

What this tells us is powerful:

God will use the part of your life you think is useless. That abandoned boat circumstance... that empty season... that dry, frustrating, nothing-is-working place...

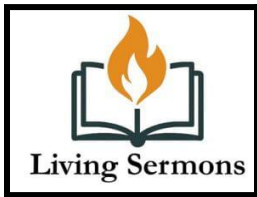
That is exactly the place where Jesus chooses to stand. Because that empty platform is preparing itself for the feet of Jesus to come and declare His Word through your life. Not only to you—but through you—to those watching. The very place you thought was wasted becomes the very place God reveals His glory.

You may be looking at:

- a marriage still hanging by a thread
- a child making decisions you cannot understand
- a ministry still small and struggling
- a job where promotion seems delayed
- a season where nothing is producing results

And you conclude: *this part of my life is useless.*

But God specialises in the useless. He turns it into usefulness for His glory.



The Sovereignty of God

I believe in the sovereignty of God. Sovereignty means God stood before time. Before Genesis 1:1—before “Let there be light”—God already was. He is not reacting to history; He authored it.

He sees the beginning and the end, and He holds all of it in His hand. That is sovereignty. And when we believe that, it produces stillness in us. It allows us to obey Psalm 46:10:

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

So when Simon is out on the water all night, casting his net and catching nothing...

God is not surprised. What shocked Simon did not surprise Jesus. Because in God’s sovereignty, there was already a morning appointed. There was already a crowd coming. There was already a platform that needed a voice. And if Simon had filled his boat with fish, there would have been no space for Jesus to stand.

So God allowed emptiness...

Not as punishment—but as preparation.

When God Leaves Room for Himself

Sometimes God places us in a scenario where:

- our skill cannot fix it
- our money cannot solve it
- our education cannot explain it
- our connections cannot open it

Because if we could always fill our own boats, there would never be room for His feet.

So He allows emptiness. It may feel uncomfortable—but it is purposeful. It is in that discomfort that we discover what it means for Jesus to step into our lives and take over.

The Master Chef Principle

My mum is a master chef—well, she is just my mum, but there is no cooking like your mum’s cooking. Growing up, Sunday dinner was a big deal. Everything was prepared with care—roast, macaroni, rolls, pies, green beans. You name it.

But what I now realise is this: cooking that for a family of children is not easy. On Monday, she wouldn’t cook fresh meals. Why? Because Sunday had already taken everything out of her. But what she did on Monday was interesting.

She would go into the fridge, gather leftovers—bits of chicken, vegetables, macaroni—and she would rework it. Add cream of mushroom soup. Add cheese. Put it in the oven. And suddenly, what looked like leftovers became a brand-new meal. We thought it was something new—but it was simply leftovers in the hands of a master.

This is what God does. He takes every season:

- the broken pieces
- the tired seasons
- the forgotten moments
- the things you thought were wasted

And He begins to rework them. He adds His grace. He adds His mercy. He adds His Spirit. Then He places it through the fire of process—not to destroy you—but to prepare you. And at the right time, He brings you out... changed.

Even your identity begins to shift. And He places your life before a hungry world that needs to see that God is good.

There are people who may never walk into a church. But they will see your life. They will watch how God took emptiness and turned it into something beautiful. And they will be forced to ask:

“How did that happen?”

And your life becomes the answer. Not because of your explanation—but because of your transformation.

The Call Into the Deep

Luke 5:4–7 (KJV context)

Jesus said, “Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.” Simon answered, “Master, we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net.”

When they did, they enclosed a great multitude of fish—so many that the nets began to break, and both boats began to sink.

Jesus had been teaching from shallow water. But now He calls Simon into deep water. And deep water is uncomfortable. Shallow water is where you can stand on your own feet. Deep water is where you are in over your head. But that is where faith begins.

Because shallow water produces comfort... but deep water produces miracle. Simon had a decision to make:

Trust experience... or trust Jesus. Experience said: "It won't work." Jesus said: "Go deeper."

Simon responded: *Nevertheless at Your word...* That is the turning point of miracles. Obedience in spite of logic. And in that obedience, the miracle came.

When Obedience Unlocks Overflow

The nets broke.

The boats sank.

It was too much.

And Simon had to call for help. That is what happens when God moves—what you cannot carry alone begins to overflow into your life. But notice this: Jesus did not do it alone.

He required Simon's participation. Because many of God's promises are not just received—they are reached for.

Simon signalled to his partners instead of shouting. Maybe because words failed him. Because sometimes what God does is too big for language. And the question becomes:

When was the last time God left you speechless?

A Word Over Your Life

If God is calling you into deep water, it is not punishment—it is preparation. And very soon, He is going to bring you into a moment where obedience meets overflow.

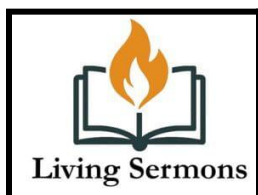
And you will stand in awe of what only God could do.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, make us men and women of risky faith. If You call us to the deep, we will go. Lift discouragement from every heart under the sound of this Word. Strengthen those who have been giving and have seen little return.

Remind them that they are seen, known, and cared for by You. And Lord, use even the empty places of our lives for Your glory. We thank You for Simon's story—it strengthens our faith.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

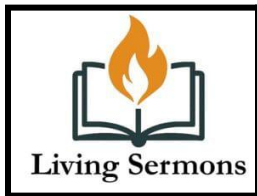


About the Speaker

Priscilla Shirer is a renowned Bible teacher, author, and conference speaker with a global influence in Christian ministry. She is widely recognised for her clear, Spirit-led teaching of Scripture and her ability to communicate deep biblical truths in a way that is both practical and transformational. Through her ministry, she has helped countless believers develop a stronger relationship with God and a deeper understanding of His Word.

As the daughter of Tony Evans, Priscilla Shirer was raised in a Christ-centred environment that shaped her passion for teaching the Scriptures. She serves through Going Beyond Ministries, where she equips believers—particularly women—to study the Word of God with depth and confidence. Her teachings often focus on spiritual growth, identity in Christ, and living a victorious Christian life through faith and obedience.

In addition to her teaching ministry, she is a bestselling author and has been featured in faith-based films such as War Room, where her role further amplified her message on the power of prayer. Across conferences, books, and digital platforms, Priscilla Shirer continues to be a strong voice calling believers to intimacy with God, steadfast faith, and unwavering commitment to truth.



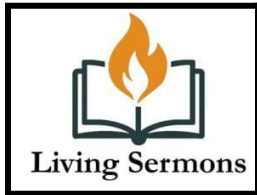
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