





A MESSAGE SERIES
ABOUT HOW GOD IS NEARER
TO YOU THAN YOU THINK

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HE IS NOT DISTANT,
ALOOF, OR UNKNOWABLE



ACTS 17:26-27

²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should **seek God**, and perhaps **feel their way toward him and find him**. Yet he is **actually not far from each one of us**.

**HOW DO I ALLOW GOD TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE?**





JESUS & THE FISHERMEN

The Call of Simon Peter

LUKE 5:1-11

¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

LUKE 5:1-11

³ **Getting into one of the boats**, which was Simon's, **he asked him to put out a little from the land**. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

#1 GOD WANTS TO STEP INTO
YOUR WORLD



LUKE 5:1-11

⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “**Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.**” ⁵ And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! **But at your word I will let down the nets.**” ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. **And they came and filled both the boats,** so that they began to sink.

#2 GOD WANTS TO REVEAL HIMSELF



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD:
BELIEVE / OBEY



LUKE 5:1-11

⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, **he fell down at Jesus' knees**, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “**Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.**” ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, **they left everything and followed him.**

#3 GOD WANTS TO GIVE US A
BIGGER PURPOSE



WHAT IS GOD'S WORD
FOR YOUR SEASON?
WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?



ISAIAH 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

PSALMS 55:22

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

JAMES 4:8

**Draw near to God, and he will draw
near to you.**