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"Let Down Your Nets For A Catch"

In <u>Luke 5:4</u>, Jesus tells His fishermen disciples to "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (<u>Luke 5:4</u>). Simon replies, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net" (<u>Luke 5:5</u>).

I am not a fishermen but I can totally relate to how Simon felt. He had given up on fishing for the day. Nothing seemed to be working. When Jesus arrived he was "washing the nets" (5:2). To him, it seemed nearly pointless to keep trying. He was exhausted. Tired. Disappointed. Disheartened. Done.

Yet, Jesus says try one more time and Simon does it and "they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking" (<u>Luke 5:6</u>). Simon's breaking point leads to a breaking point. How many times does God come through like this in our lives?

Sometimes we get tired of trying to do the right things and seeing no results. Like the disciples, we are ready to just call it quits and give up for a while. We invite people to hear the gospel but some do not come. We preach but see little response. We try to be good husbands and wives and it often seems unnoticed. We try to be good parents and it might go unappreciated. We are trying hard to serve the Lord and sometimes just fall flat on our face. So, we get tired. We get ready to quit and hang it up.

When those moments come, hear Jesus saying, "Let down your nets for a catch." God can often come through with slivers of grace when we need Him the most. Keep fishing...and wait.

Joshua Welch

NEWS & NOTES					
Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm Sept 17- Potluck after worship service. Sept. 19 9:30 am-Tues. morning Ladies Bible Study Contact Mary Lou/Lisa if interested	Ladies Bible Study-10/14 10am @ JoAnne Discala's home Nov. 10- Ladies Night out- please RSVP to Lisa by Nov. 10th College Care Packages— there is a list of items on the back table	Spooner House is in dire need of nonperishable items Barnabas Project if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475) 529-5751			

*Pray for **Karen Ohrenberger** who will be having a craniotomy Sept. 29th to remove a benign brain tumor.

*Pray for **Yeremi** who left Tuesday to begin his Army military Service.

*Pray for **Bill Heckler** who has a mass near his heart.

*Pray for *Greg & Linda Cerminara* as they deal with physical challenges.

*Pray for *Irene Aschen*, she is recovering from hip surgery.

*Pray for Joe Nuzzo's coworker whose brother recently passed away

*Pray for the *Toyer family* (friends of Beulah) in Trinidad. *Roland* had a 2nd stroke and is not doing well.

*Pray for *Nadine* who will be having a PET/CT scan soon.

*Pray for Nadine's friend, *Christine Nelson*, she is dealing with many losses and is quite ill from cancer.

*Pray for **Toni Bonadio** who is having several health challenges.

*Pray for *John Westkott*,(Friend of the Pancoast's)who has salivary gland cancer.

*Pray for *Karen McMullen and her mother, Clydia Birdsall.* both are having serious health challenges.

Esther Aggrey is participating in an effort to help young children Ghana, she will be collecting school supplies and other items (see list in back) until October.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend), Sarah (Angela's niece), Tom Byer *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.

*Pray for adult children to develop a relationship with God *Pray for our **country & our leaders in government**,

first responders and health care workers.

*Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers for our church leaders.

Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Greg & Linda

*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Nadine Keller, Linda Cerminara, Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

*Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School**- contact Ron

*Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m ,participate online via Zoom

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Week of 9/17//23
Song Leader:Derin Wilson
Lord's Table:Zach Saracino
Closing Prayer:Bruce Pancoast

Usher:Bob Discala

Week ending 9/16 Donations: \$1411 Expenses: \$1283