

## Jesus With You In Trials

*“1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus ), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”“No,” they answered. 6 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” 11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.” (John 21:1-14 NIV)*

Trials would come true in your lives. It had happened to the disciples of Jesus and will happen to you as well. After the death of Jesus on the cross, his burial and resurrection from the death, the disciples of Jesus were passing in critical period of time, of doubt and discouragement. Jesus whom they used to be their friend and companion, a faithful person who was living and walking with them, now He is no more in their lives. They cannot see Him as before. That brought discouragements and doubts in their lives. As you read the chosen passage you may learn beautiful things:-

**1. Trials should not discourage you:** Out of despair Simon Peter said, *3 “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.”* His discouragement pushed him to go back to his old life. Christ called him to be fisher of men. Now when He is not able to see Jesus clearly in his life and in the circumstances that the disciples were put in, he wanted to go back to his old style of living. And he pulled away from the Lord five people with him. Don’t allow trials to make you desperate and push you back to go to your old life, and pull others with you away from God.

**2. Trials should not blind your eyes from seeing the Lord:** The disciples were not able to see Jesus, *“4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.”* Do not let trials allow disbelief to creep into your heart and blind you from seeing the Lord.

**3. In trials know that the Lord is near even if you cannot see HIM:** *“4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.”* Be sure that while you are passing during hard time Jesus is there with you. The disciples *that night they caught nothing* but Jesus was with them; He programmed it, that they will not be able to catch any fish to make them know the futility of their ways. Hard time and when God is not giving you relief that means that the Lord is there in your life and He is working to make you realize certain facts and truth about faith.

**4. In trials exercise faith:** The Lord when He appeared to His disciple, He knew that they don’t have fish, and when, *“5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”“No,” they answered,”* He did that to make them realize that their lives do not depend on what they have, but it depends on faith on Him. In trials you might be in need of food, money, shelter, dress, love, care or other things, but still your life will go on and will be sustained when you have faith on Jesus.

**5. In trials train yourself to hear the voice of God:** When Jesus appeared to them, *“6 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”* In the same way, during trials, put your ears on Jesus and be attentive to what He says to you. In trials when Jesus speaks He tells you the solution. Put also in your mind when God the Holy Spirit speaks, He will speak from the Scripture. Many they will say, I feel the Holy Spirit, but according to the Scripture the Holy Spirit you cannot feel but you hear and see, *“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.” (Acts 2:1-3 KJV)*

**6. In trials don’t rely on your feelings and your thoughts:** Your heart’s feelings are deceitful, *“9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” (Jeremiah 17:9-10 KJV)* and your thoughts are not the thoughts of God, *“5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV)* *“8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9 KJV)* In our feelings and thoughts there might be deception and Satan may use them to deceive. Therefore in trials we need to wait on the Holy Spirit to speak to us and lead us.

**7. In trials abide with the instructions of Jesus and what He speaks to you:** The disciples of Jesus, *“When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.”* In the same way when you obey the instruction of Jesus and hearken to His voice then you will find answer to your problems and a relief to your situation.

**8. See Jesus through the miracles that he is doing in your life:** After the big catch of the fish that the Lord gave to the disciples, *“7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,”* they were able to see the Lord clearly. Any miracle in your life is because Jesus is there. Therefore, do not doubt, and see Him in any miracles happen to you.

**9. In trials put in your mind that God is doing miracles in your life:** Jesus did extraordinary thing that day, *“11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.”* Peter got 153 fish that day. You also trust Him and put in your mind that He will deliver you and do something outstanding in your life.

**10. Train yourself to consider any favour of God is a miracle:** Jesus gave them a big catch of fish, and then later prepared a meal to them, *“12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have*

**breakfast.”** A breakfast compare it to the big catch of fish is something small, but it is a miracle of Jesus to His disciples, and is another sign that He is present in their lives. In the same way, small favor or a comfort from the Lord is a miracle, and is a sign that Jesus is around and with you in life.

**11. Live the life of faith and exercise thanks giving in sharing Jesus’ blessings:** “13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.” Bread, fish, money, favor, small things or big are all from the Jesus and you ought to thank Him for all of that.

**12. Learn to count your blessings and the times that the Lord appeared in your lives:** “14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.” Now it is your turn to count how many times today or the previous days Jesus had appeared in your life, and start to thank Him.

**13. Now commit yourself to serve God and to do His will:** On that day Simon Peter was challenged with Jesus and was restored back to continue to serve the Lord, “15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” 16 Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” 17 The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21:15-17) Simon Peter was given assignments to feed the the sheep of Jesus, but because of trial he wants to give up and put aside. Don’t allow trials to take you from you assignment. Jesus is calling you back to come back to Him, renew your commitment, start to serve Him and do the assignments that He asks you to do.

**My dear and beloved:** Jesus is with you in your life and the trials that you are passing through. God is calling you to come out from all your doubt, worries, negative thoughts and discouragement. Pass through the message and apply it in your life, once again commit yourself to serve God as you agree to pray.

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that encourages me and shows me that you are real in my life. Lord I am coming back to you and I commit my life to serve you and do my assignments as you asked me to do. Sustain me Lord and provide my needs, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.



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