



**Wednesday, July 28**

Jesus first encountered Simon Peter, James, and John—his future disciples—at a time of their discouragement. Regardless of their efforts, they could not capture the resources they needed. When you face discouragement in your finances, career, or family life, Jesus calls you to come deeper into your relationship with him, trust his direction, and see what he will do in your life situation.

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**Luke 5:1-11**

- Why did the three disciples leave everything behind and follow Jesus?
- Have you been struggling in any way to produce results on your own and need to surrender to Jesus instead?

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**Thursday, July 29**

One of the hot topics in biblical times as well as today is the possession and use of money. Paul taught that inner contentment results from a genuine relationship with God and a healthy detachment from material things. Although all followers of Christ are called to “do good” and “be rich in good deeds,” those who are blessed with material wealth have an even greater responsibility to manage their resources for God’s glory and for the benefit of others.

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**1 Timothy 6:6-21**

- Why are you to not put your hope and trust in wealth? What are you to put your hope in instead?
- Look at 1 Timothy 6:10-11. What step do you need to take next to flee the temptation of money, pursue godliness in a deeper way, or both?

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**Friday, July 30**

Learning to trust God sometimes means stepping out of your comfort zone, where you feel in control and capable of handling your life situation, and simply trusting God to uphold you. It may be risky for you to step out of your comfort zone and give according to biblical standards, but only as you act in faith will you have the opportunity to see God’s promise to meet your needs come true.

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**Matthew 14:22-33 and Luke 6:37-38**

- What did Peter discover about Jesus when he stepped out of the safety of the boat?
- How specifically do you hear Jesus calling you to step out and trust him? Will you do it?

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**Saturday, July 31**

There is nothing so certain as the biblical affirmation of God’s love for and good intentions toward you. God is on your side! When you are asked to grow in your giving and serving, there need not be fear of what God asks you to do. As you “seek (God) with all your heart,” you will find that your help in all things comes from the Lord, who watches over you day and night.

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**Jeremiah 29:11-14 and Psalm 121**

- Summarize God’s promise for you from today’s Scriptures.
- When have you seen God’s protection for you? Where do you need God’s help now?

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