

The Ocean of Life – Part 2

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ast edition we began to look at the topic: The Ocean of Life. We will continue from where we stopped.

Luke chapter 5:1-7 reads. "And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets."

And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink."



Last edition, we discussed that at the bank of the large ocean called Life, there stands an array of ten categories of fishermen. I explained that the ocean of life is a place of intrigue, manipulation, profitless sweating, and so on. I also said that you must know where to throw your net in the ocean of life and you must know what to do. You must understand that levels change, and things change.

During the temptation of Jesus Christ in Matthew 4, the devil did not leave after one rebuke. It took three scriptures and three rebukes for the devil to depart for a season and for angels to come and minister to Jesus. This is why sometimes we repeat our prayers. For every new level of power and every new level of achievement you attain, you will also face a new set of devils, more sophisticated than the last

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Onto every new level, there is a new devil. If you are a pastor who has fifty church members, you will have a devil to fight. If your church members increase to five hundred, there will be a new devil to fight at that new level. If they become one thousand, it will be another level. If they become ten thousand, there will be another more sophisticated devil as the level increases.

That is why, as believers, we cannot afford to rest on our oars. You must improve your prayers. The anointing does not promise us that the gates of hell will not come against us. What it does is that it prevents the gates of hell from prevailing over us. This is what the anointing promises. We teach what we know, and we reproduce what we are. So, what God wants you to become is heaven's weapon.

CATEGORIES OF FISHERMEN

Ten categories of fishermen stand at the bank of the ocean of life.

 The Correct Fishermen. These have the correct net. They have correct wisdom. They have correct knowledge. They are 100% divinely located. They are in the right place at the right time. They are not the kind of people who run from ministry to ministry or mountain to mountain. Those who run about are confused fishermen, 90% of success is correct positioning and correct location. Once you are wrongly located, you are in trouble because you may be meant to be in Nigeria and your angel stands there and waits while you are in America. This is a very serious problem.

Correct fishermen have correct fishing nets and they cast their nets into the right place in the ocean of life. They have the wisdom to fish correctly. Wisdom is the application of knowledge. Knowledge is the application of understanding. Understanding is application of humility. This is what you should understand. The correct fishermen have the wisdom of God. Somebody once said, "An ordinary man learns from his own mistakes. A wise man learns from other people's mistakes. But a fool does not learn at all."

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They say a fool at 40 is a fool forever That is a wrong proverb. If you are a fool at 21, unless you change, you are already positioned to be a fool forever. If a man at 21, or a lady at 18, is a fool now, they are likely to be fools forever unless they change their way totally. If at the age of 18 you are allowing your body to be an instrument experimentation someone somewhere, you are toying with your destiny. You may call it fun, but in the end, vou are finished. A fool at 21 or 18 is a fool forever. This is a very serious matter

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The Zero Fishermen. At the age 2. of 14 or 15, I went to sit for my O-Levels examination as external candidate. Normally, they used secondary schools for those exams, and they put all of us in classrooms. We went in and they asked us to start. Then I looked behind me and saw a heavily bearded man. He sat behind me, tapped me, and said, "My son. I'll be asking you anything I don't understand. Just write it on a piece of paper and give it to me." I said, "But this is an examination." He said. "Don't worry. See, I'm taking this exam now at the age of 55."

> I was taking the examination at the age of 14, and the man was taking it at the age of 55. Let us assume that he passed that exam, which is not because he was expecting me to answer the questions for him

and I did not pass a single answer to him. In fact, when he troubled me, I put my hand up and asked for my seat to be changed. Even if he passed the exam and went on to university, he would graduate at the age of 60 to fulfil his destiny.

Those are the zero fishermen Unfortunately, many human beings are in this category. This is why many people sometimes do not understand the kind of prayers we pray. When a person spends 20 years in preparation for insanity, the question is, when will they really run mad?

One of the saddest days in my life was the day a man came to my counselling room and broke down and cried bitterly. He said, "Man of God, what can you do to help me now?" I asked, "What's the matter?" He said he had seven children, and years ago he had gone to a native doctor for money rituals and entered into a covenant that he would never send any of his children to school. So, although he had a lot of money, he never sent any of the children to school. He had seven children but whenever his uncle wrote

him letters from abroad, he would take the letters and look for other people's children to read them to him.

I asked him, "How old is your oldest son?" He said 46. "What is he doing now? " He said. "Nothing. I still feed him." It was sad that the native doctor who helped him do the ritual had died, so he had no clue of how to reverse it. Now, the situation of all seven children was embarrassing to him. That is why he came for prayers.

3 The Error Fishermen. They catch the wrong fish, and the fish kills them. This is wrong labor. They catch the wrong fish, and the fish goes ahead to eliminate them. That which they love doing so much turns around to eliminate them.

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4. The Tragic fishermen. They go fishing and they catch fish, but the fish get destroyed in their hands Tragic fishermen Everything they spend their lives gathering just fizzles away. Their friends become their enemies and careers are ruined because they caught fish, and the fish was destroyed in their hands. They have brilliant careers and then make a serious mistake that renders them completely useless and steals everything from them Everything they have gathered fizzles away.

> I met a man who experienced this. He was a retired professor in Nigeria who had received a lot of money after he retired. Then he went somewhere and met some people who said they counterfeited US dollars. They took him to one room, took a blank piece of paper, put it in a liquid, pulled it out, and it became a \$100 bill. He was said. amazed. Thev then "Professor, before we continue, you can make \$10 million in a day, but we need half a million

naira to buy a particular chemical for it to work." The professor then went withdrew half a million naira from the over N1 million he had. This was in the early 1980s.

They took the money and said. "Okay, come back next time and the chemicals will be ready." He returned at the agreed time, and they put in a few more papers and more dollars came out. Then they said they had run out of the chemicals. "Go and bring more money." He brought everything he had left but they said it was not enough. Then he went to the bank and borrowed money and gave it to them. On the last day he brought money to them, he was surprised to see a police man waiting when he got there.

The police officer said. "Who vou?" are He introduced himself. The police man said, "May I know what you are doing here?" He could not talk. Then the police man said, "Okay, you are under arrest. You are part of those counterfeiting dollars here." The professor began to beg, saying, "I'm sorry." The policeman said, "What do you have in your hand?" He said, "The money they asked me to bring," The police man said, "Bring it," and collected the money from him. "Now. get out." He ran away.

He did not know that it was one of the same counterfeiters that had worn a police uniform to scare him away from his money. This is why we say there is a difference hetween mental intelligence and divine wisdom. You could be academically intelligent but spiritually dull.

5 The Victim Fishermen. These are those whose fish have been stolen by physical and spiritual thieves. Stolen labor. They have worked and acquired certain things, but they were stolen away from them.

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6 The Vagabond Fishermen. They fish in the wrong places. They fish in rivers like the Dead Sea. They live a vagabond kind of life. Aimless and empty lives. Lives without purpose. Lives that have not discovered why they are here. They know they have been born but they are still trying to figure out what to do with their lives. Lack direction. Confusion. Unclear definition. Groping in the dark. They try this, they try that, and they try all kinds of things. Some even try to become pastors. They do all kinds of things because they are really not sure about what they want to do.

This is why we preach to young people all the time the message of "Purpose before Partner". First, find out what God wants you to do on earth here before

you begin to look for a man or woman to marry. If you do not find out your purpose and you get married, you could end up marrying a fire extinguisher who will completely extinguish what you are supposed to do.

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- 7. **The Confused Fisherman.** These fish at the wrong time. They are positionally deficient. They do the right thing at the wrong time.
- 8. The Empty Fishermen. These fish without baits or with the wrong bait and, of course, they catch nothing. This is a very serious situation.
- The Lazy Fishermen. These do not even bother to fish. No initiative. No motivation. They do not bother at all. There are many people in this category who just want to waste their lives.

10. The Hands Infirmity Fisherman.

serious The is the most category. This is when the hands are in trouble and the hands have been attacked. The Bible says in Zechariah 4:9, "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it." These are hands that do not finish anything. There is a problem with the hands. An infirmity.

The position of the hands in the arithmetic of God is very clear. Your hands, your fingers, and vour arms can be used for several things. You can extend your arms in blessings. You can lay your hands on the head or shoulder for friendship. You can lay hands on people to impart blessings. You can use your hands to carry out useful functions. That same hand can be extended in hostility to fight and to kill. Hands can be raised in supplication. Hands can be waved in joy. Hands can be used in self-defence. Hands can be paralyzed by fear.

Hands can be lazy and slack. Hands can be industrious and productive. Hands can he manipulated. Hands can be cursed or abused. They can mend what is broken. Hands are the instruments with which we write. They lock and unlock doors. They cook, clean, wash, and drive cars. You may not appreciate the use of your limbs until they are broken. Jesus took up children in his arms and blessed them. He touched the dumb, the lame, the leper. On the cross, his hands were nailed, and his arms were stretched out

Those fishermen with hands infirmity are those whose hands have been paralyzed. The hands are physically available but spiritually paralyzed. They are those whose hands obey strange commands. The hands have been bound. Those whose hands have been cursed. Those whose hands are polluted. Those whose hands have been contaminated Those whose hands have what is called an automatic failure mechanism. fail This means things immediately they lay hands on them. Once a hand is bound in the spirit or has been covered by cobwebs in the spirit realm,

the person becomes a failure in the ocean of life.

When hands have spiritual problems, a lot of terrible things happen, for such people, light hecomes darkness. reality delusion. hecomes truth becomes error, submission becomes rebellion, and unity becomes strife. There have been people who run restaurants and employ people. Then they find that each time some individuals they employ take up a spoon to stir soup, the soup goes bad. So those people have to be removed

When the hands are in trouble, commendation becomes complaint, praise becomes criticism. blessings become revenge, kindness becomes cruelty, comfort becomes grief, and victory becomes defeat. Zeal becomes laziness, success becomes failure, equality becomes inferiority. and reliability becomes irresponsibility. Courage becomes fear because the hands are in trouble.

This is why God, in his mercy, does not open too many eyes. If

some people's eyes were open in the spirit realm and they saw their hands, the shock would be too much for them. Imagine a man who prays, and God opens his eyes, and he sees in the spirit that his hands are in handcuffs. And then God says, "Can you see? This is the reason everything you do does not work." The hands are bound.

If you have not yet surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, do so quickly so you can be a beneficiary of this the message and prayers fishermen in the ocean of life. This is a very serious matter and situation. There are people distributed under the ten categories of fishermen, but the group the Lord wants you to belong to is the first group. Not the nine other groups. If you want to surrender your life to Jesus Christ, just say, "Father, in the name of Jesus, I come before you now. Lord Jesus, come into my life. In Jesus name. Amen."

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Prayer Points

- Any power that wants to rubbish my destiny, die violently, in the name of Jesus
- 2. My life, arise and shine, in the name of lesus.
- 3. If my virtue is in the possession of somebody else, I recover it now, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. [Clap your hands loudly as you pray] Any evil chain upon my hands, break, in the name of Jesus.
- My hands, hear the word of Lord, prosper by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. Any success of darkness over my hands, die, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. Any curse upon my hands, break, in the name of Jesus.
- 8. My hands, hear the word of the Lord, arise and shine, in the name of Jesus.
- Thou power of hardship, get out of my hands, in the name of lesus.
- My Father, give me a miracle that will make me forget my past troubles, in the name of Jesus.
- 11. Every power that hates to see me laugh, scatter by fire, in the name of Jesus.

- O God of Elijah arise, disappoint my enemies in the name of Jesus.
- 13. I shall bury the enemy assigned to terminate my life, in the name of Jesus.







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