



AWCI SERMON *Notes & Announcements*

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SERMON SERIES: SHIFT – A New Season of Divine Favor **SERMON TITLE:** Say Yes to the Shift

KEY PASSAGE

Text: Luke 5:1–11 (NIV): One day, as Jesus stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, people crowded around Him, eager to hear the word of God. He saw two boats at the water's edge, left by fishermen who were washing their nets. Jesus got into Simon's boat and asked him to push out a little from shore. Sitting down, He taught the people from the boat. When He finished, He told Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they did, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. They signaled their partners to help, and both boats were filled to the point of sinking. Astonished, Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" Jesus replied, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed Him

INTRODUCTION

In Luke 5:1–11, we meet Peter at a low point.

After a night of empty nets, Peter was discouraged and ready to give up. Yet right there, in the middle of his ordinary routine, Jesus stepped in—not asking for Peter's effort or resources, just his boat. That small "yes" became the platform for a miracle.

Divine shifts often begin in the everyday places of our lives—our "boats"—where we feel tired, stuck, or unfruitful. Jesus steps in, and suddenly, emptiness turns to overflow, and what seemed like the end becomes a new beginning.

Defining the Shift:

A shift isn't just a change in circumstances; it's a divine redirection.

Signs You May Be in a Shift

1. Restlessness in the Routine

- a. What once satisfied no longer does. There's a holy discomfort, a stirring for something greater.

2. Shut and Swinging Doors

- a. Doors you depended on suddenly close, while new, unexpected ones open. It feels as if God is rearranging your path.

3. Unexplainable Momentum

- a. Stagnant things start moving. Delays break, prayers are answered, and progress accelerates beyond your effort.

4. Growing Resistance

- a. New challenges arise—not to defeat you, but to prepare you. Pressure signals preparation. Every test is proof you're on the verge of transformation.

5. Repeated Echoes

- a. God confirms His direction through His Word, sermons, mentors, and circumstances—until the message is unmistakable.

SERMON POINTS

Point 1: When Jesus Disrupts Your Normal

"He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore." (Luke 5:3, NIV)

- "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:19, NIV)
- "'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him." (Mark 1:17–18, NIV)

Point 2: Trusting God When It Doesn't Make Sense

"When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'" (Luke 5:4–5, NIV)

- "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord." (Isaiah 55:8–9, NIV)
- "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5–6, NIV)

Point 3: From Playing It Safe to Living with Purpose

"Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him." (Luke 5:10–11, NIV)

- "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.'" (Matthew 16:24–25, NIV)
- "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13–14, NIV)

BEYOND THE MESSAGE

1. Where has Jesus recently disrupted your "normal," and how did you respond?

Sometimes God doesn't wait for us to be ready—He simply steps into our lives, like He stepped into Peter's boat. That disruption may be a closed door, a change at work, a health challenge, or a divine prompting in prayer. Our instinct is often frustration: "Why now, Lord?" But what feels like an interruption may actually be an invitation into something greater.

Discussion Prompt: When has God disrupted your routine with something unexpected? Did you see it as an obstacle or an opportunity?

