"Launch Out Into the Deep" Sunday, January 15, 2017 Dr. Janet Cook, Senior Pastor © 2017 Praysers Ministries, Inc., dba River of Life Community Church

Note : Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

Luke 5:1-11 "So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, 'Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.'

"But Simon answered and said to Him, 'Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.' And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!'

"For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.' So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him."

Vs 1 "The multitude pressed about him to hear the word of God."

Vs 2-5 Jesus gave Peter two instructions.

"Launch out into the deep."

"Let down your nets for a catch."

- Miracles are in obedience to the word of the Lord.
- Provision is in your obedience.
- Your miracle could come at an inconvenient time.

Vs 6 "When they had done this," the provision was more than enough.

Vs 7 "They signaled to their partners." It's good to have partners to help.

Vs 8 "When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.'"

• Peter humbled himself before the Lord.

Vs 9 Everyone was astonished at the catch.

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• They left everything and followed Jesus.

Miracles come when we obey the word of the Lord.

It is time to get rid of what ever would keep you from launching out into the deep.

Is it fear of the unknown?

Is it fear of looking foolish?

Is it fear of failure?

Is it fear of rejection?