

Christmas Newsletter 2011



From the desk of Henry...

Let Down Your Nets

Working as a fisherman in Jesus's day was a hard, toilsome occupation. Most of the fishing was done at night near the shores, usually by dragging a net between two boats in the hope of catching fish. Fishing was done close to shore where the fish hid under the many rocks and boulders. It was not uncommon to fish throughout the night, only to return home with nothing.

One morning, Peter and his brother, Andrew, and their partners, James and John, were mending their nets by the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus asked Peter to launch out into the deep water and let down his nets for a catch. Peter responded, " Master we have toiled all night and caught nothing. Nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5).

Jesus was asking Peter to fish in broad daylight, at a carpenter's direction. Peter and Andrew went out into the deep water in one boat, dragging a net over the side in the middle of the day. It was a step of obedience and faith that Jesus rewarded. "When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled *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" (Luke 5:6,7).

Jesus wanted to unlock Peter's limited thinking to understand what faith in God could do. Jesus wants us, like Peter, to realize that when we think we have exhausted all possibilities, we haven't!

We may have toiled in the usual manner for days, months, or even years. But God calls us to cast our nets one more time, to try again when we have run out of hope, to believe in His ability, not our ability. Then when we have done the uncommon, in obedience, through faith God will reward us.

Our nets will overflow!

(from page 1194 of the Possibility Thinkers bible, New King James version)



Christmas in the Cathedral!

I cannot believe the year is almost over! Thanks to your magnificent support during this year, we were blessed to be able to keep the **Hour of Power** Sundays on Rhema TV. I see this as our outreach to the un-churched. Often many people who happen to be down, tune in to a church channel on a Sunday morning. Note that as from November 2011 our **Hour of Power** timeslot on Rhema TV (Ch 343) will change from 11am to 09h30. If you go to our news page www.hourofpower.org.za and click the link below "Rhema TV schedule" you will be able to see which guest & pastor are on. We are still trusting God for a miracle with the finances of the Crystal Cathedral in the USA so that there will not be any change next year to the 6pm timeslot of the Saturday night broadcast of the **Hour of Power** on TBN.

The beautiful **Hour of Power** "Jesus Says" calendar 2012 will be arriving soon and we ask you to be a part of the casting of this net so that we may gain some extra income from it for the **Hour of Power**. We ask for a donation of R65 per calendar + R10 for mailing (up to 3 calendars). This is an ideal X-mas gift for family and friends! Please SMS to 0836297690 how many you need or you can mail or fax us the tear-off slip.

I am wishing you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas, filled with God's peace in your hearts.

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