

Make It Christmas

Everyday: Go Deeper

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¹ One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So He sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ***"Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."*** ⁵ "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." ⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. ⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Luke 5:1-11 NLT

Top 3 Trends for 2022 according to Pinterest

1. Return of Retro
 - ornate body fashion & retro hairstyles
2. Well-Being at Home
 - redecorating, redesigns & spirituality
3. A Taste for Travel
 - all-inclusive resorts & international

This is the year I'm going to _____!

"It's not what you do for God that makes you burn out, it's what you stop doing."
— Christine Caine

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they fished for a living. ¹⁹ Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” ²⁰ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-20 NLT

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Mark 1:16-18 NLT

⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).)

John 1:42 NLT

1. Deeper Obedience to Jesus

Jesus Fills Empty Spaces

Then He says to Simon... “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

2. Deeper Connection to Jesus

“Master...we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing.”

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

— Corrie Ten Boom

⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5 NLT

V5b “But if You says so, I’ll let the nets down again.”

ESV – But at Your word

NIV – But because You say so

CEV – But if You tell me to

KJV – Nevertheless, at Your word

3. Deeper Revelation of Jesus

8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” 9 For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.

Luke 5:8-9 NLT

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Luke 5:9-10 NLT

You can Make it Christmas every day of your 2022, through Deeper Obedience to Jesus, Deeper Connection to Jesus, and Deeper Revelation of Jesus!

“Refuse to be average. Let your heart soar as high as it will.”

— A.W. Tozer

In 2022, I will not be an average Christian!

12 months; 52 weeks; 365 days; 8,760 hours; 525,600 minutes; 31, 536, 000 seconds

21-Day Fast Begins (Jan. 3-23) Theme is “Anchored” & together we are reading “*A Praying Life*” by Paul E. Miller

What’s Happening During the Fast?

- Daily Devotions at 8am on Live.cag.org and Facebook live (M-F)
- Daily Prayer at 12-12:30pm
 - All are invited to pray in the sanctuary during office hours on Monday – Friday
 - Corporate prayer in the sanctuary at noon
- Bible Reading in the Sanctuary
 - During office hours at 9am – 4pm on M-Th and 9am-3pm on Friday
 - Sign up for a time slot to read the Bible in English or Spanish (cag.org/events)
- Wednesday Night Prayer Service at 7pm (1/5, 1/12, 1/19)
 - In-person (NOT livestreamed)
 - Night of Worship on January 12 at 7pm –In-person & Livestreamed
- Friday Night Prayer Vigil Service at 7pm
 - 1/7, 1/14, and 1/21
- Saturday Prayer Service at 7pm
 - In-person and livestreamed