



I'm A Member, Now What? The Blessing In Connecting

- We must understand that our connection to a church is more than sitting in a pew. It has the power to shape your future.
- There must be an expectation of greater once connected to a ministry that is striving for greater. You must believe that as a member you have made a choice that changes everything.
- Luke 5:5 - They toiled all night. But ... change came. When you get to a house connected to God you can expect things to change!
- Luke 5:4 - You will not be able to continue to fail in mediocrity and will be challenged to launch out into the deep. Connection blesses you by challenging you.

1. **Being Connected To A Church Does Not Mean That You Become Lazy. You Must Be Willing To Follow Instructions To Receive The Blessings.**

Luke 5:6 - And when they had done this...

Luke 5:6 - ...their net brake.

2. **Proper Connection Will Always Break Things In Your Life, Not Keep You Broke.**

Luke 5:7 - They beckoned to their partners to come...

When you are properly partnered you reap benefits that you didn't have to work for. Some stuff is coming for you just because you're close to the boat.

It didn't help those present but those partnered. It's time to move from being present to being partnered.

3. **Proper Connection Always Sinks You With Blessings And Will Not Cause You To Float With Foolishness. Luke 5:8 - 10**

Blessings from connecting are not to get you a new car or house. It is to validate the authenticity of the connection. They trusted Jesus more because of what he had blessed them with. True ministry blessings from connection will provoke you to trust God more.

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Acts 16:25

“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.”

- 4. Proper Connection Allows You To Possibly Hear And Witness Something That You've Never Heard. Exposure Can Mean Everything.**

Acts 16:26 “and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed.”

- 5. Proper Connection Not Only Presents Some “Open Doors,” But It Also Can Eliminate Bondage.**

v. 27-28 “And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself.....But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.”

- 6. Proper Connection Can Save Your Life, When You Don't Think You Can Live.**

v. 33 “And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.”

- 7. Proper Connection Can Bring Deliverance To You And Your Entire Household.**