Dream Big

I know that much of the time, my dreams can be pretty small: please let my kids eat more vegetables, please let my kids not be so loud; or if I'm feeling daring... 'what would I do if I won the Lottery'? These aren't very 'eternal' dreams. They are fairly lame on the Dream-meter. But, I like that God wants us to dream big...and he enjoys blowing us away.

If you're like me, sometimes your life can get in a rut. It just kinda limps along and you may not be sure you're even making progress.

I enjoy Luke 5, cause it seems like Peter's life is just in cruise mode. Fish a lot. Hope to make enough to keep fishing. Nothing too exciting.

Then Jesus comes into the picture and asks Simon [Peter] for help. Basically, 'can I use your boat to help me teach?'

When he's done, he asks Simon to go deeper and fish. We see Simon say out loud what he was thinking... 'Master, we worked hard all night and didn't catch a thing.'

Basically, 'Look, I'm not new. This is a horrible time to fish, I'm tired <u>and I've done all I can.</u>'



You can see that, Brisbane is on the east coast of Australia and is actually pretty close to Sydney ...relatively.

Reading on, we see that Simon does indeed put his nets out and he's blown away with more fish than he's ever caught...and two boats are full; almost sinking.

You may know this story already. But, I like it. It reminds me that God has more in store for me than I can imagine. God is gonna blow me away.

Also, I don't have to initially even be that into it...I need very little 'belief' to be obedient.

I don't know where I give up on my dreams...usually at times when I'm weary...feeling like I've done all I can. But, I know that God cares about me, wants to include me and enjoys my boat full and sinking.

Many of you have asked us about what we will do in Australia and I will give you a taste. Basically, we will be in Brisbane, working with the national team of Campus Crusade to help them get to more campuses in Australia and to more countries for ministry. The country has only 55 full-time campus staff, so we will also be in recruit mode.

Lastly, please pray. The latest statistic is that there are now over 1 million university students in Australia; but only 1% of college students identify themselves as Christian. Again, we want to get there and have our boat full and sinking like in Luke 5!

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Photo at left: Family awesomeness.

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