

# **25 DAYS OF BLESSINGS**

## **Part 2: Taking Steps**

### **IT STARTS WITH A STEP**

- A. Progress is a process
  - 1. A child learning to walk and talk
  - 2. Learning a new skill
  - 3. A successful business / career
- B. Our walk with God involves steps
  - 1. We become open to the gospel
  - 2. We take the step of faith in Christ as Savior
  - 3. Our confidence in Him grows **(2 Thessalonians 1:3 NIV)**

### **PETER STARTED WITH STEPS** **(Luke 5:1-11 NKJ)**

- His first step involved his time and effort
  - 1. He could have said no - people had refused Jesus
  - 2. He did what was not convenient - but well within his wheelhouse
- His second step with the Lord required more from him
  - 1. An optics risk - how would this look to others
  - 2. Peter had to overcome his thinking patterns
  - 3. He made a step of reluctant obedience
- The blessings and beyond
  - 1. Jesus said nets - Peter let down a net
  - 2. Jesus exceeded Peter's expectations
  - 3. Following Jesus and catching men was Peter's next step

### **OUR STEPS WITH GOD**

- The step of time and effort (low risk)
  - 1. The step to come closer to Him - relational step
  - 2. The step of service - taking time out of our busy schedules to help His work
  - 3. The step of time and effort is not wasted **(Hebrews 11:6 NKJ)**
- A launch out step - requires more from us because of resistance and risk
  - 1. The optics risk - how will this step look to others
  - 2. Our habitual patterns of thinking
  - 3. At Your word, I will
- Where the blessings are
  - 1. Blessings follow our steps of faith
  - 2. We can always grow by continuing to take steps **(Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJ)**