

“HOW CAN SMALL CHANGES YIELD BIG RESULTS?” - John 21:1-14

This past weekend, there were many exciting NFL and college football games. Most of these games were close games and truly came down to a team’s 4th quarter performance. In short, the 4th quarter was a deal maker and often decided the outcome of the game. As we prepare for the 4th quarter of 2021, what do you need to finish, complete, or wrap up in the 3rd quarter? As you step into the final quarter of the year, what adjustments/changes do you need to make?

I. QUOTES ON CHANGE

1. “*The measure of intelligence is the ability to change*” -Albert Einstein
2. “*The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude*” -Oprah Winfrey
3. “*Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.*” -Leo Tolstoy
4. “*Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.*” -Harriet Tubman
5. “*The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new*” -Socrates
6. “*If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.*” -Maya Angelou

II. HISTORY OF JOHN – JOHN PORTRAYS JESUS AS...

1. The MESSIAH, liberator, and savior of the world.
2. A MAN who was born to a woman and fully God.
3. A MESSENGER sent by God to speak for God.
4. A MIRACLE worker and healer who never went to medical school.

III. WHERE DO WE SEE WATER IN THE BIBLE?

1. Moses at the Red Sea
2. Joshua at the Jordan River
3. Noah in the flood
4. Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River
5. Jesus turning water into wine
6. Jesus sleeping during the storm
7. The man at the pool of Bethesda
8. Jesus washing his disciples’ feet
9. Peter walking on water
10. Jesus walking on water
11. Paul sailing through Asia Minor on missionary journeys

IV. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THESE FISHERMAN?

1. They were seasoned, skilled, & successful fishermen.
2. They were not stuck, stagnant, or stubborn fishermen.
3. They were open minded, flexible, and adaptable fishermen.

V. THE SAME BUT DIFFERENT

In this passage, we see the *same human beings* in the *same boat* and in the *same body of water* who make a slight change and receive a *different bounty/result*.

VI. A LITTLE EXTRA GOES A LONG WAY

1. Small steps can lead to big gains.
2. Simple actions can bring unanticipated overflow.
3. Short strides can lead to overwhelming abundance.
4. Little measures can produce additional surplus.

VII. EXAMPLES OF OVERFLOW

1. Jesus feeding the 5K with 12 baskets leftover – Matthew 14:13-21
2. Widow at Zarephath whose house ate for many days – I Kings 17:7-16

VIII. WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

1. Different attitude + Different approach = Different achievement
2. Different mindset + Different methods = Different manifestation
3. Different perspective + Different process = Different product

IX. WHAT CHANGES DO YOU NEED TO MAKE?

1. Attitude (Thought process)
2. Appetite (Diet and food intake)
3. Activity (Exercise routine or regime)
4. Aspirations (Goal/objectives God wants you to achieve)
5. Affiliations (People you associate with or need to disassociate from)
6. Articulation (Things you say in conversation)
7. Adoration (Devotion, Study, and worship time with the Lord)

X. MAIN POINTS – WHAT DO THE FISHERMEN TEACH US?

1. These disciples HEARD the voice of Jesus (v.5)
2. These disciples OBEYED the command of Jesus (v.6)
3. These disciples RECOGNIZED the presence of Jesus (v.7)
4. These disciples EXPERIENCED the blessings of Jesus (v.8)

XI. ADDITIONAL SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

1. It doesn't take God long to work.
2. Fishing with Jesus yields a big harvest.
3. Christ blesses us so we can be a blessing to others.
4. Jesus is still a miracle worker.