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The Second Call

Scripture Lesson:-John 21:1-14.

Text:-John 22:6 "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find!"

Introduction:- Give setting of text.

1. After crucifixion & resurrection
2. Disciples home from Jerusalem
3. Among old scenes. Zebedee's house headquarters. Old companions sitting about as they had done a few years before.
4. New influences shown by presence of Nathaniel. Common experience of these seven.
5. Watching the familiar scenes brings thought that they were now on their own resources. Hence Peter's announcement, "I go a fishing". They all decide to go along. Zest of the old life comes back.
6. Fruitless night of toil.
7. Appearance of Jesus.
8. The great catch.
9. Peter's rush ashore.

Why the Miracle?

- I. Earthly Hopes of Church in Those Men.
  1. What if they had succeeded alone?
  2. They knew not what had become of J.
  3. No impulse to preach. Not yet endowed with power from on high.

II. Without Him they Could Not Make a Living.

1. Fish all night-catch nothing.
2. He could give sustenance as he pleased.
3. Needed lesson of faith-Without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5
4. Had to learn and believe that the great fundamental is God.
5. Not own energy and skill-but God.

III. With Them, Though Not in Flesh.

1. They could apparently not believe this. They did not know that he was in the events of the night.
2. Knew not that it was the Lord.