

A WORD WITH YOU - By Ron Hutchcraft

10209 – “Navigating Stormy Weather”

Luke 5:5

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I had a friend who was a veteran sailor, and occasionally he would take us out on his sailboat. And I learned that when my sailing friend said it was time to go in, I'd better listen. There were times when we were out and the weather was beautiful, and I thought it was going to stay beautiful. But, man, his instincts knew better. He'd say, "I think we'd better go in." I'd say, "On a beautiful day like this? This is a ten." He'd say, "It isn't going to stay that way."

You know, there has been more than one occasion where I sailed with him into port and entered the harbor just as the storm broke loose. His instincts were amazing! You might be in a storm right now, or maybe you're headed for one and it just doesn't look like it yet. I have some very critical advice before you set your course or before you sail any further.

I'm Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have **A WORD WITH YOU** today about **“Navigating Stormy Weather.”**

Now, our word today from the Word of God is found in Luke 5:5, and the occasion here is where Jesus has asked Simon Peter to go out and fish again after he had fished all night and caught nothing. And Jesus said, "Look, I know it's the middle of the day. I know that it's hot. I know it doesn't look like a good time to go out, but I want you to." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything, but because You say so, I will let down the nets."

See, the way it looked would have led Simon Peter to a fruitless conclusion...or let's say a fishless conclusion. It looked like there was no point in going back out again, but Jesus said do it. And just because He said it, Simon Peter did it. And what Jesus said, led to victory.

I watched an interview that was recorded on an anniversary of the D-Day Invasion—the greatest military assault in history—June 6, 1944. General Eisenhower told about how the decision was made to go on that date. He wanted to go on June 4th or 5th, and June 4, 1944, was a beautiful, starlit night. The commanders of the allied troops were gathered with General Eisenhower at their Southwick House command post in England. Colonel Page was the Chief Army Meteorologist, and General Eisenhower was told by him that gale-force winds and high tides would soon be assaulting the Normandy beaches; actually by the next morning.

Well, should Ike believe what he saw—this beautiful, clear starlit night? Or should he listen to the man who knew? His answer, “No go.” Even though it would cost them their first choice and it would prolong the wait for 180,000 troops who were waiting on ships anxious to move. Now the next day—opposite weather. It was stormy as predicted and Colonel Page came in and said, “We’re going to have improved weather the next day with moderate winds and tides. It’s going to be a good day to go.” Okay, should General Eisenhower go by his senses, or by the man who’s the authority? Ike paused for about thirty seconds, and then he said two words that are emblazoned in history, “Let’s go.” The room was clear in two seconds, and the rest is history.

Now, you have a decision right now to make whether to believe what your senses, and your feelings, and your environment are telling you about a moral choice, about giving up on a person, about giving in to a temptation, about giving up on a commitment like a marriage, or about running into a decision. Don’t base your life on what’s going to change in 20 minutes—which is your feelings. Base it on the Word of God which hasn’t changed in 20 centuries.

Do it His way, no matter how it feels.

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