



DGM Message Title: Last Night Is Over

Theme: Learning we can trust God regardless of our circumstances.

Message Summary: We are all going to make mistakes and fail in our attempts to do something important. To move forward, we must forget the past and launch into deeper trust in Jesus and what He is asking us to do. God will always lead us, but we must do our part. A bad last night can end this morning if we go with Jesus.

Scripture References (NKJV):

- **Luke 5:1-9**
- **Psalm 104:3**
- **Proverbs 14:12**
- **Luke 9:62**
- **Philippians 4:6**
- **Luke 17:32**
- **Lamentations 3:22-23**

Key Points:

- “So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,” Luke 5:1
 - If you follow God and not the crowds, eventually the crowds will follow you.
 - Jesus did not compromise to reach the masses. He just stayed on message.
 - Keep speaking the Word.
 - Keep lovingly speaking God’s Word into their lives.
 - “...Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,” Psalm 104:3
 - If God loved us enough to become like us, the least we can do is love Him enough to become like Him.
- “And saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.” Luke 5:2
 - “God is not looking for gold vessels or silver vessels. He is looking for willing vessels.” – Kathryn Kuhlman
 - We only have two real options in life: Make Excuses or Make Progress.
 - The greatest breakthroughs in my life often lay behind the door labeled “I don’t feel like it.”
- “Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.” Luke 5:3

- God's kingdom advances if we contribute our part.
 - If you don't do your part, the Gospel is not going to advance.
 - Most things worth doing, you can't do alone!
- When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Luke 5:4
 - God is a rewarder. It's His very nature.
 - Payday may not come every night, but it's coming.
- When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Luke 5:4
 - Our setbacks are the platform God uses for our comeback.
 - Things aren't real until you put some skin in the game.
- "...He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Luke 5:4
- But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net." Luke 5:5
 - Sometimes our attitude to God is like Peter's attitude to Jesus.
 - When the student is ready, then the Master appears.
 - Failure is not the opposite of success, it's an essential part of success.
 - You can't start the next chapter in your life, if you keep re-reading the last one.
 - But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62
 - You can't drive forward staring at the rearview mirror.
 - As good as it was, I'll destroy myself living in the past.
 - "Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17:32
 - Her heart was still in Sodom
 - The only time we should look back is to see how far we have come.
 - "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." Proverbs 14:12
 - The real issue is that we don't really believe.
 - If the Lord said do it, that would be enough. We'd just do it.
 - But Peter still took a risk.
- "And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking." Luke 5:6
 - You'll discover new things about God in the deep that you can't in the shallow.
 - Sometimes you must forget all the reasons why it won't work and believe the one reason it will.
 - The Bible said it; that settles it.
 - You trust Him when He says *forgive...tithes...love...a soft answer turns away wrath.*
- "So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink." Luke 5:7
 - It takes a team to do the most significant things in life.
 - He's God and He's the one giving directions.
 - Last night can paralyze you.
 - Failure will cause a bruise, but don't let it become a tattoo.
 - Don't let yesterday become tattooed on your heart.
 - A bruise will heal.
- "When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!'" Luke 5:8

- God meets us right where we are, anyway.
- You might have faith for the next step.
- “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;” Philippians 4:6
- Not one fish argued with Jesus!
- If God says it, that settles it.
- “For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;” Luke 5:9
 - God know how to speak to you, practically, and right where you live.
 - Two things to have to keep your relationship fresh with God.
 - Sense of adventure
 - If you don’t take a chance, how will you ever know.
 - Sense of humor
 - If you can laugh at yourself, no one can make a fool of you. – Joan Rivers
 - In ministry, you need a wish bone, back bone and a funny bone.
 - God had it for him, but he had to take it.
- God will do His part, and you must do your part.
- Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today.
- Stop cheating on your future with your past.
- Last night can end this morning.
- “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed...They are new every morning;” Lamentations 3:22-23
- Go with Jesus where He goes.