

FEBRUARY 6

**“IT’S NOT BECAUSE OF WHO  
WE ARE THAT WE GET GOOD  
GIFTS. IT’S BECAUSE OF  
THE GIFT GIVER HIMSELF.”**

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**READ**

*Luke 5:1-8*

After Simon Peter and the other men toiled all night to catch fish, and caught nothing, the Lord tells them, “Go back out. Let’s try it again.” When they do what He says, the catch is unbelievable. Why wasn’t Peter jumping up and down? Why did this sudden cloud of gloom settle over him? After Jesus did this miracle, Peter should have been beside himself, but he immediately closed up. In the presence of God’s goodness, he saw his badness. There is something about God revealing His righteousness, answering prayers, and doing good for us that makes us aware of our unworthiness. The human race, even Christians, are so permeated with guilt. The New Testament was written to constantly remind people who are born again that we have eternal life and an Advocate in Jesus. It is an unending reminder of what He has done. He has saved us because of His kindness, generosity and love. What a gift!

**PRAY**

Lord, every gift I have has come from Your kind hands. I deserve none of it, yet You gave it all. I will live today and everyday in gratitude.

*From November 16, 2003*