

Take the Risk - Trust in Jesus

- **The Reality of Scarcity** – The Bible contains many stories of apparent lack, such as the widow's oil, the feeding of the five thousand, and the fishermen catching nothing. These stories resonate with our own fears of not having enough.
- **Modern Examples of Scarcity** – Today, we see scarcity everywhere: job cuts, economic struggles, and lack of resources in churches and communities. We often feel overwhelmed by the world's "not enough."
- **The Deeper Problem: Alienation, Not Scarcity** – God's creation is abundant and fruitful, but we sometimes feel disconnected from it. Scarcity is often not a lack of resources but a failure to access or recognize them.
- **Jesus Calls Peter to Trust** – Peter, an experienced fisherman, assumes he knows best, yet his expertise fails him. Jesus challenges him to act in faith—casting the nets again into deep water.
- **Faith in an Unpredictable World** – The world feels increasingly uncertain, with political and economic instability. Peter's experience reminds us that certainty is not found in our own control but in trusting Jesus.
- **The Call to Let Go and Follow** – Jesus' miracle teaches Peter, James, and John that faith in Him is more reliable than their own knowledge or efforts. Their response is to leave everything and follow Him.
- **Our Response Today** – We are called to trust God with our fears of scarcity and uncertainty, to take risks in faith, and to step into the deep waters where His faithfulness is revealed.

Questions:

1. **Scarcity vs. Abundance** – The sermon suggests that scarcity is often a matter of disconnection rather than true lack. How does this idea challenge or affirm your understanding of God's provision in your own life?
2. **Trusting Jesus in Uncertainty** – Peter initially doubts but chooses to obey Jesus. Can you think of a time when you had to trust God despite uncertainty? What was the outcome?
3. **Letting Go of Control** – The sermon emphasises surrendering control to God. What are some things that hold you back from fully trusting and following Jesus?
4. **Faith in Action** – Jesus calls Peter to take action—casting the nets again and later leaving everything to follow him. How does faith require action in our lives today?
5. **Recognising God's Presence** – Peter's response to the miraculous catch is one of awe and humility. Have you ever experienced a moment when you recognised God's work in your life in an unexpected way?
6. **The Deep Waters of Faith** – The sermon challenges us to “seek out the deep water.” What might “deep water” look like in your spiritual journey right now, and how might God be calling you to step out in faith?