

ReIntroduce: A 7-Day Reading Plan

Day 0: Before You Begin

What's up, family. Welcome to the ReIntroduce reading plan. Over the next seven days, we're going on a journey designed to do one thing: help you meet God again for the first time. It's easy to get so familiar with God that He becomes predictable. We build our own systems, rely on our own expertise, and put God in a box defined by our past experiences. But God is not interested in fitting into your formula. He's interested in interrupting your routine to initiate a revelation.

This week, we're diving into Luke 5, where a professional fisherman named Simon Peter has a collision with Christ that reorients his entire life. He was an expert who had hit a wall. He was frustrated, tired, and empty-handed. That's exactly where God showed up to reintroduce Himself. Prepare for your own reintroduction. Get ready to have your nets broken, your boat rocked, and your purpose upgraded. Let's get it.

Day 1: Get in the Boat

Scripture: "So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret... Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land." (Luke 5:1, 3 NKJV)

Devotional:

Let's be real: we like our comfort. We want a word from God, but we want it delivered to our preferred location, on our schedule, without messing up our plans. But look at the scene here. The people were so hungry for the Word they were literally pushing Jesus into the water. He needed a platform, and He chose Simon's boat—a place of professional failure, smelling like fish and frustration after a long, fruitless night. Jesus stepped into an empty, ordinary workspace and turned it into a pulpit. God isn't looking for your polished resume or your perfect sanctuary. He's looking for your availability. He specializes in using the empty, overlooked places in our lives—the failed business, the broken relationship, the exhausted spirit—as the stage for His power. He wants to get in your boat, not after you've cleaned it up, but right in the middle of your mess. The question is, will you let Him?

Pull Quote: "God specializes in using the empty places in our lives as the stage for His power."

Reflection:

1. What "empty boat" in your life (an area of failure or frustration) might God want to use as a platform?
2. In what ways have you been waiting for the "perfect" conditions to hear from or serve God?

Prayer:

Father, forgive me for wanting a word from you only when it's convenient. I invite you into the messy, empty areas of my life. Use my failures as your platform and reposition me to hear what you have to say. Amen.

Action Step:

Identify one area of your daily routine (your commute, your lunch break) and intentionally invite God into that space today.

Day 2: The "Nevertheless" Pivot

Scripture: "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 NKJV)

Devotional:

This is the moment where everything changes. Jesus, a carpenter, gives a command that defies all of Simon's professional expertise. He tells a master fisherman to go back to work right after his shift ended in total failure, and to do it in a way that makes no logical sense. Simon had every right to object. He had the data, the experience, and the exhaustion to back up his protest. He states his case: "We've toiled all night and caught nothing." But then he makes a pivot that opens the door to a miracle: "nevertheless." This one word shifts the authority from his experience to Jesus's instruction. Faith isn't the absence of questions; it's obedience in spite of them. Your breakthrough is on the other side of your "nevertheless."

Pull Quote: "Faith isn't the absence of questions; it's obedience in spite of them."

Reflection:

1. Where is God asking you to do something that contradicts your logic or experience?
2. What reasons (or excuses) have you been giving God for not obeying?

Prayer:

God, I admit that I trust my own understanding more than Your instruction. Give me the courage to move past my logic and my fears. I choose to say "nevertheless" to Your word today. Amen.

Action Step:

Take one step of obedience in an area where you have been hesitant or doubtful.

Day 3: Break Your Net

Scripture: "And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking." (Luke 5:6 NKJV)

Devotional:

Simon's obedience resulted in a blessing that was also a problem. The very tool he relied on for his livelihood—his net—could not handle the abundance God provided. The net represents our systems, our strategies, our talents, our plans. It's what we think we need to carry our purpose. But God's provision is designed to be bigger than your personal capacity. He will bless you to the point that your own instruments break, not to frustrate you, but to reintroduce Himself as the Source. He has to prove that the outcome was never dependent on the strength of your net, but on the power of His word. Stop trying to contain a God-sized blessing in a man-made container. Let Him break your net so He can fix your focus.

Pull Quote: "Stop trying to contain a God-sized blessing in a man-made container."

Reflection:

1. What "net" (a specific talent, plan, or resource) are you trusting in more than God?
2. Are you afraid of a blessing that feels too big for you to manage?

Prayer:

Father, break my reliance on my own strength and strategies. Show me that Your provision is not limited by my capacity. I surrender my nets to You and trust You to provide in a way that only You can. Amen.

Action Step:

Write down one plan you're holding onto tightly. Verbally release it to God, acknowledging that His plan is better.

Day 4: Sinking but Sustained

Scripture: "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 NKJV)

Devotional:

The problem gets bigger. The net breaks, so they call for backup. Now the boats—their entire business infrastructure—are starting to sink under the weight of the blessing. But notice what isn't happening: there's no panic. They are fully engaged in managing an overflow that is threatening to take them under. This is a powerful picture of God's character. He is not just your Provider; He is your Sustainer. When His blessing feels like it's about to overwhelm you, He is the one who keeps you afloat. We often pray for blessings that are safe and manageable. But a divine overflow will often feel like you're sinking. It will stretch you beyond your limits. Don't be afraid of a blessing that feels too heavy. God won't give you overflow just to let you drown.

Pull Quote: "God won't give you overflow just to let you drown."

Reflection:

1. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by a blessing or opportunity from God? How did you react?
2. How does knowing God is your Sustainer change your perspective on taking on big challenges?

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for being my Sustainer. Help me not to fear the overflow You want to bring into my life. When I feel like I'm sinking, remind me that Your grace is sufficient to keep me afloat. Amen.

Action Step:

Think of a current challenge that feels overwhelming. Instead of asking God to remove it, ask Him to sustain you in it.

Day 5: From Experience to Encounter

Scripture: "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 NKJV)

Devotional:

The massive catch of fish wasn't the main event; it was the setup. The miracle's true purpose was to trigger a revelation. When Peter saw what happened, his first reaction wasn't to calculate his profits. It was to fall at Jesus' knees in humility. The miracle forced an identity check. In the face of Jesus' power, Peter saw his own sinfulness. He went from calling him "Master" (a great teacher) to "Lord" (the Holy God). We chase experiences—an emotional worship set, a goosebump moment—and call them encounters. But an experience is about the feeling you get; an encounter is about the identity you see. A true encounter with God moves you from being impressed with what He can do for you to being in awe of who He is.

Pull Quote: "An experience is about the feeling you get; an encounter is about the identity you see."

Reflection:

1. In your faith, are you chasing an experience or seeking an encounter? What's the difference for you?
2. When was the last time a move of God made you more aware of His holiness than your own happiness?

Prayer:

God, forgive me for settling for emotional experiences. I want a true encounter with You. Reveal Your holiness to me in a way that changes how I see myself and how I see You. Amen.

Action Step:

Spend 10 minutes in silence today with no agenda other than to tell God, "Show me who You are."

Day 6: The Pursuit Over the Provision

Scripture: "...when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him." (Luke 5:11 NKJV)

Devotional:

This is one of the most radical moments in Scripture. Jesus gives Peter a new mission, and then Peter and his partners do the unthinkable. They haul in the biggest payday of their careers, drag the boats to shore, and walk away from it all. They left the catch to follow the Caller. This directly confronts our modern mindset. We beg God for the provision, and if He delivers, we get content. We stay on the shore counting our fish while Jesus walks on. We allow the blessing He gave us to become the bribe that keeps us from Him. A true reintroduction to God proves that His presence is better than His presents. The goal was never for you to get what you wanted; it was for Him to get all of you.

Pull Quote: "Don't let the blessing God gave you become the bribe that keeps you from Him."

Reflection:

1. Is there a blessing in your life that you would be unwilling to leave if God called you elsewhere?
2. How can you actively pursue the Provider more than the provision this week?

Prayer:

Father, protect me from the temptation of contentment. I declare today that I want You more than I want what You can give me. Let no blessing hold me back from You. Amen.

Action Step:

Identify one thing you received from God that you are grateful for. Thank Him for it, then explicitly state, "God, I choose You over this gift."

Day 7: Your Reintroduced Purpose

Scripture: "And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.'" (Luke 5:10 NKJV)

Devotional:

Jesus didn't look at Peter, the expert fisherman, and tell him to stop being a fisherman. He didn't cancel his identity; He upgraded it. He said, "From now on, you will catch men." He took all of Peter's passion, grit, and skill and repurposed it for an eternal mission. The miracle of fish was just a preview of the multiplication of souls. This is what a reintroduction does: it clarifies and elevates your purpose. God gave you your unique talents, your career path, and your personality not just for you to make a living, but for you to make a difference. He wants to reintroduce Himself in your life so He can reintroduce you to your assignment. Your job is a platform. Your skills are tools for the kingdom.

Pull Quote: "God doesn't cancel your identity; He upgrades it."

Reflection:

1. What skills and passions has God given you that could be repurposed for a greater mission?
2. How does viewing your daily work as a form of "catching men" change your perspective?

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the skills and experiences you have given me. Reintroduce me to my assignment. Show me how to use what's in my hands to build Your kingdom and fulfill the purpose you designed for me. Amen.

Action Step:

Find one practical way to use your professional skills to serve someone else this week, seeing it as part of your "upgraded" mission.

A Closing Guided Prayer

Father, we thank you for this week. Thank you for showing us that you are bigger than our boxes, greater than our formulas, and more interested in a relationship with us than in our routines.

We confess the times we've relied on our own nets—our experience, our logic, our strength—instead of your word. Forgive us. We choose today to subordinate our expertise to your authority.

We ask you to reintroduce yourself in our lives.
Show us who you are as the Overwhelming Provider.
Show us who you are as the Sustainer who keeps us afloat.
Show us who you are as the Holy One who deserves our worship.
And as you reintroduce yourself to us, reintroduce us to our purpose. Upgrade our assignments.

Give us the courage to leave the catch on the shore and follow you, the Caller. We want you more than anything you can give us. Let this reintroduction not be a one-time event, but the start of a new way of walking with you.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

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