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PSALM 139:16

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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**WHEN IT COMES TO
YOUR UNIQUE CALLING,
JESUS KNOWS YOUR NUMBER
AND HAS YOUR BACK.**

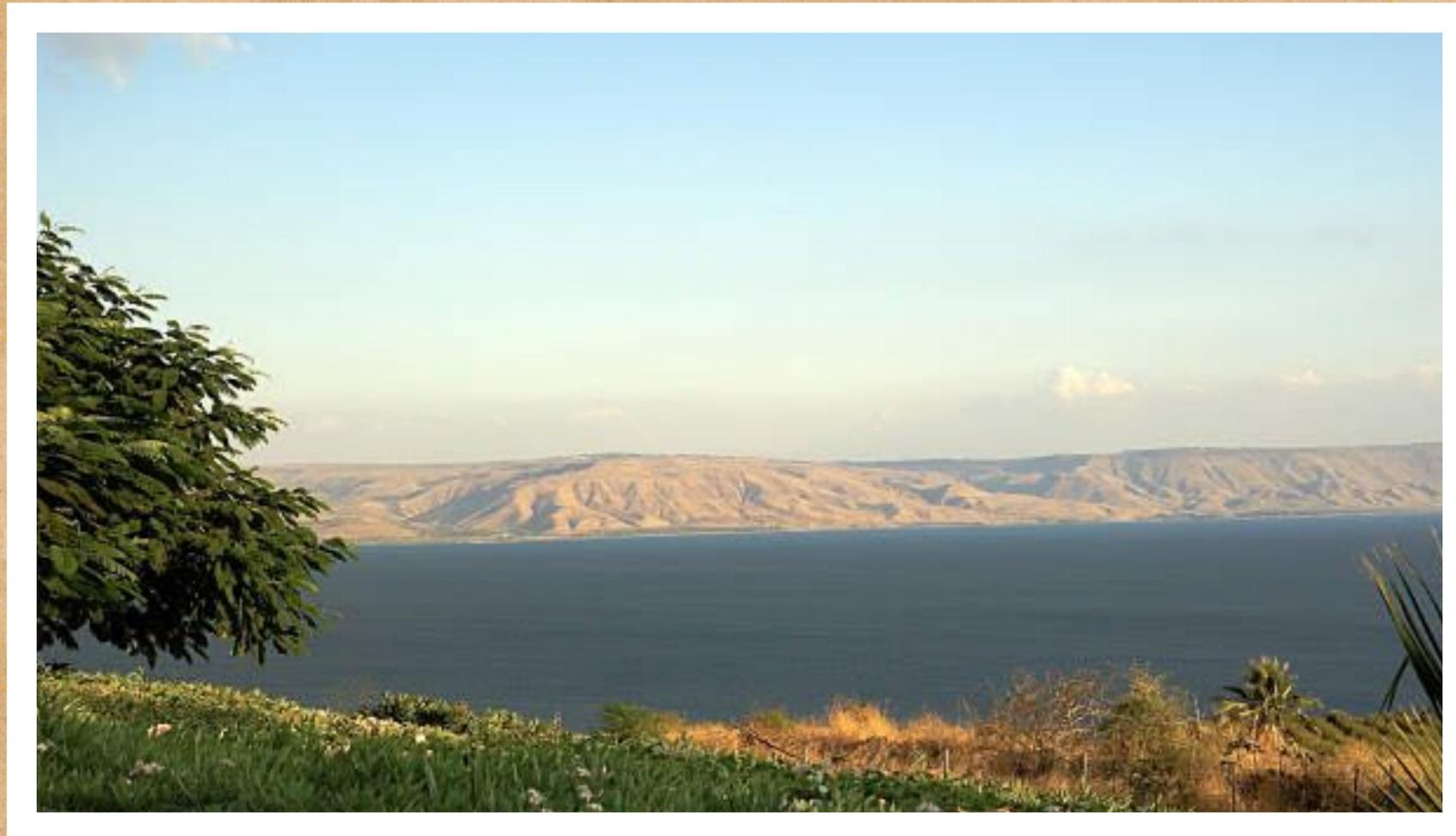
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5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

LUKE 5:5

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6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

LUKE 5:6-7

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7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

LUKE 5:6-7

**It was a net-breaking,
boat-sinking miracle!**

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⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

LUKE 5:8

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¹⁰ ...Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid;
from now on you will fish for people.”

LUKE 5:10B

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**Your calling is not for you,
but for a world that
Jesus loves.**

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JESUS KNEW EXACTLY HOW TO GET PETER'S ATTENTION

¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

LUKE 5:11

BUT JESUS ALSO HAD PETER'S BACK!

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³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

LUKE 22:31-32

– Your calling will always be tested

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57 ...“I don't know him”...

58 ...“Man, I am not!”...

60 ...“I don't know what you're talking about!”...

LUKE 22:57,58,60

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⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter...

LUKE 22:61A

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61 ...Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.”

62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

LUKE 22:61B-62

- Your calling will always be tested**
- God's merciful plan is to bring you to the end of yourself**

BUT JESUS ALSO HAD PETER'S BACK!

—A.W. TOZER

“It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply.”

- Your calling will always be tested**
 - God's merciful plan is to bring you to the end of yourself**
- It's at the end of yourself that Jesus wants to meet you with his resurrection power**

BUT JESUS ALSO HAD PETER'S BACK!

¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

LUKE 24:12

BUT JESUS ALSO HAD PETER'S BACK!

⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

ACTS 1:5

BUT JESUS ALSO HAD PETER'S BACK!

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd... ¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...”

ACTS 2:14A,17A

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 - **How hungry are you for God's power?**
 - **Can he have all of you?**

— **C. S. LEWIS, MERE CHRISTIANITY**

“Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think are innocent as well as the ones you think are wicked—the whole outfit...”

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“...I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you myself: my own will shall become yours.”

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