

**“From now  
on you will  
catch men”**

Luke 5:10



# God and the Power of Renewal



*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” 2 Cor. 5:17*

# Highlights

- Biblical examples
- Meanings beyond the renewal
- What does it take?



# Biblical Examples <sup>(1)</sup>

1. The Fall and the Redemption through a tree:
  - Adam's fall
  - The Cross
2. Eve's defeat by eating and the Second Adam's victory by fasting



## Biblical Examples <sup>(2)</sup>

### 3. The Sixth Day:

- Adam's creation and fall
- The Lord Christ's Passion and restoration of Adam and his children



## Biblical Examples (3)

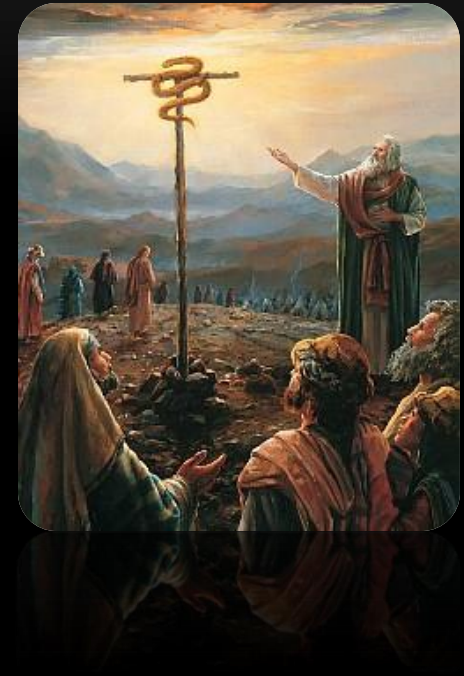
4. The original vine with its wild grapes and the True Vine with His life-giving Blood
5. The Spirit of God hovering over the face of the waters before the creation and His work in Baptism





## Biblical Examples (4)

6. The serpent that was cursed in Genesis 3 and the Son of Man who became a curse to heal us from the sting of death: “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up” *John 3:14*



## Biblical Examples (5)

7. The change of people:
  - Mary Magdalene
  - St. Peter
  - St. Paul
  - Zacchaeus





# Meanings beyond the renewal <sup>(1)</sup>

## 1. The Firm Hope:

- God who is able to bring sweet out of the strong (Judges 14:14)
- The hope of having a “good start” every day
- The raven bringing bread to Elijah



# Meanings beyond the renewal (2)

2. The new taste of old things:
  - Restoring the joy in relationships, family, church practices, and dead feelings



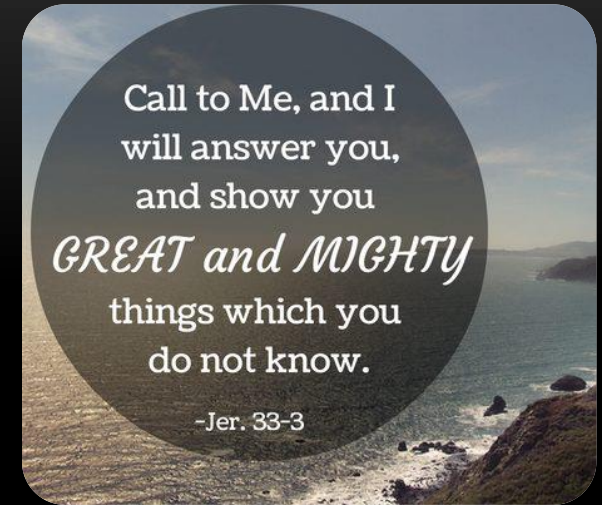
# Meanings beyond the renewal <sup>(3)</sup>

3. Using what is useless in something beneficial:
  - Weaknesses and failure unto humility
  - Aging and illnesses unto holiness



# What does it take ?

1. Trusting God and His ability to renew and restore
2. Patience and enough time
3. Change of mind and practice
4. Focusing on myself and my change



-Jer. 33-3