

Treasuring His Word...

From the Pastor's Heart:

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught... And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fish" (Luke 5:4, 6).

This week's calendar includes one of those annual reminders that the relationship we have with our spouse is very unique. Now, Kay and I, in particular, do not get excited about "special days" like some do. We are spoiled in that we like to share our love and companionship on such a regular basis, that occasional holidays are just one more in the mix. Many of you enjoy these special days and use them well to encourage your relationship. Kay is my Valentine, and I know that the love I receive from her is enduring because of her relationship with the Lord. The steadfastness of our love is also seen in the fact that we have continued to "be there" for one another for over 36 years.

The above passage is special to me because when Kay and I were dating, I would receive calls periodically late on Saturday afternoons to go and preach at some country church that needed someone to fill the pulpit. Getting a call so late in the week, and knowing they had never heard me preach before, I would pull out this trusty old sermon entitled, "Launch Out into the Deep." I would encourage the church members to quit playing around in the shallows of Prayer, Bible Study, and Christian Service, and launch out into the deep with Jesus. After Kay and I got married, the same scenario would often happen, and she and I would get up early on Sunday, drive out into the woods somewhere, and "Launch Out!" It was always a great blessing for her to be with me, and still is. Kay's partnership with me has encouraged my life more than I can express.

I pray that we will all "Launch out into the deep" in the relationship we have with our spouse. The Lord had many wonderful things in mind when He developed this incredible relationship. It is quite obvious that, as a whole, mankind has missed what He had in mind. Let's regain the desire to find the abundance in all Christ has given us, and let's seek that abundance together as husband and wife.

I love you, Kay!