

# HELP LORD!

## Part 2: A Heart For Help

### WHO GETS GOD'S HELP?

#### ❖ **Common misconceptions**

- ◆ Heaven helps those who help themselves - Not a scriptural premise
- ◆ God's special servants - usually celebrity ministers and/or missionaries
- ◆ The turned on, sold out, committed far above your current level and hopelessly out of your range serious borderline fanatical able to quote the whole bible in King James Christians

#### ❖ **God is looking through a different lens**

- ◆ He is more concerned about the heart (*Matthew 15:8 NKJV*)
- ◆ Jesus made a clear distinction that our hearts were the key
- ◆ And the good news about that is we are capable of a heart change

### A MAN WHO WAS GREATLY HELPED (Luke 5:1-11 NLT)

#### ❖ **Peter was willing to help Jesus - and Jesus asked; he did not force Peter**

- ◆ He did not negotiate a deal; help for fish
- ◆ He was not too busy or tired - willing to interrupt his plans

#### ❖ **Peter had to humble himself to obey Jesus' word**

- ◆ He may have thought he knew much more about fishing than Jesus
- ◆ He obeyed out of respect for the Lord - not because he thought it would work

#### ❖ **Peter had more of a hunger for God than we would have ascribed to him**

- ◆ Many would have been thrilled with the catch and gone about their business
- ◆ Peter was thinking about his spiritual condition - I am a sinful man
- ◆ Peter was willing to leave it all behind and follow Jesus

### DEVELOPING A HEART THAT GOD HELPS

#### ❖ **A Giving Heart (Helping)**

- ◆ Jesus said He did not come to be served but to serve and to give
- ◆ Employs the timeless principle of sowing and reaping (*2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NKJV*)

#### ❖ **A Humble Heart**

- ◆ Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient
- ◆ True biblical humility is becoming obedient - choosing God's ways above our own (*James 4:6 & 10 NKJV*)

#### ❖ **A Hungry Heart**

- ◆ The hungry heart is one who wants more of God in their life
- ◆ Not necessarily tied into a job title (*Psalms 107:9 NKJV*)