

BETTER CONNECTIONS

Part 2: The Disconnectors

THINGS THAT GO DISCONNECT IN THE NIGHT

- ❖ **Four disconnectors and their solution**
 - ◆ Fixer uppers - great for a house, bad for a spouse
 - ◆ Criticism - usually attacking the person not the behavior
 - ◆ Contempt - name calling, eye rolling and conveying disgust
 - ◆ Me not We - lack of support for the other's goals and efforts
- ❖ **We don't want to disconnect from God** (*Job 22:21 NKJV*)
 - ◆ Good things happen for those who stay connected

PETER'S CONNECTION CHALLENGES (*Luke 5:1-11 NKJV*)

- ❖ **Connected when it was not convenient**
 - ◆ Jesus' request did not fit with his schedule
 - ◆ Most likely tired, hungry and frustrated at an unfruitful night
- ❖ **Connected when not glamorous**
 - ◆ Holding the boat did not utilize his skills (but it was something he could handle)
 - ◆ Could have been a bit mundane and appear insignificant
- ❖ **Connected when the request seemed illogical**
 - ◆ Fish were not biting, don't fish in the daytime
 - ◆ What do holy men know about fishing
- ❖ **Peter's attempt to disconnect**
 - ◆ A strong sense of unworthiness and awareness of his own sins and failures
 - ◆ The wrong assumption that this religious man would not want to be around him
 - ◆ Jesus would not disconnect with Peter

MOVING PAST THE THINGS THAT HINDER YOUR CONNECTION WITH GOD

- ❖ **Know that connecting with God will not always be convenient**
 - ◆ Doesn't always fit with your schedule
- ❖ **Connecting with God through serving is not always glamorous**
 - ◆ May not utilize all your skills or be particularly stimulating
 - ◆ But helping the Lord help people is always profitable (*1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV*)
- ❖ **Accept that connecting with God will take you against the flow**
 - ◆ Flow of this world's way of doing things, against logic or conventional wisdom (*Romans 12:2 NKJV*)
- ❖ **Connecting with God requires us to accept His valuation of us**
 - ◆ An operation of faith realizing His grace in Christ has made us worthy