

## **Message from Revd. Khwezi Bengani**

### **Resilience: Trusting Through Challenges**

*"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." – Albert Einstein*

Life is full of challenges—unexpected changes, setbacks, and moments when things don't go as planned. As educators and parents, we see this daily in our children. Whether it's struggling with a new concept in class, navigating friendships, or facing disappointment on the sports field, the ability to persevere is a vital life skill.

In Luke 5:1-11, we find a powerful lesson on resilience. Simon Peter, an experienced fisherman, had spent the entire night casting his nets without catching a single fish. Exhausted and discouraged, he was ready to call it a day. Then Jesus told him to go back out and try again. From a logical perspective, it made no sense—but Simon Peter chose to trust Jesus. He cast his nets once more, and this time, they overflowed with fish.

This story reminds us that resilience is not just about trying again—it's about trusting through the process. There are times when we may feel like giving up, when parenting feels exhausting, when work is overwhelming, or when children hit roadblocks in their learning. But resilience means choosing to keep going, even when things don't make sense.

As a school community, we have the opportunity to model and cultivate resilience in our boys. We can encourage them to approach challenges with a mindset of growth, to see setbacks as opportunities, and to lean on their faith when things feel difficult.

Just as Simon Peter's trust in Jesus led to an incredible outcome, our persistence in the face of difficulties can lead to unexpected blessings. So, the next time you or your child faces a challenge, remember resilience isn't about never struggling—it's about never giving up.

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