



Fishers of Men

Finally, you have found the time to go fishing. The initial challenge you face is determining where to go, what fish you will try to catch and what bait you will need to catch them. Once decided, it is time to go try your luck.

Every fisherman enjoys the thrill of the strike - *the stretching line and the bending rod*. All fishermen enjoy the thrill of the fight - *the strategy of knowing when to give line and knowing when to take it*. It is a test of your skills to maneuver your catch through thick grass, around stumps and over rocks - any of which might break your line causing you to lose your fish.

Even after successfully reeling your fish in close to the boat or shore, many fish are lost during these final moments of the fight. It is times like these you are thankful for your net. It's a wonderful feeling when everything, from the location to the bait to the effort to the net, comes together perfectly. It is the difference between "Look at the one that is in the live well!" and the stories of the one that got away.

God is looking for fishermen like you to bring in the catch – "the harvest (or catch) truly is

plenteous, but the labourers (or fishermen) are few" (*Matthew 9: 37, Luke 10:2*). Just as in His time, Jesus is calling you today to be a fisher of men (*Matthew. 4:19, Mark 1: 17-18*).

Many of the same skills are needed to bring others to Christ. First, you will need to decide that you will be a follower of Jesus - trusting that He will give you all that you need to be a successful fisherman. We are as Simon Peter and his brother, Andrew, who was unable to catch fish on their own, but with Jesus Christ, caught so many fish that their net broke (*Luke 5: 1-11*). Your favorite fishing spot now becomes the world because there are lost souls everywhere waiting for someone to throw them a line. The unsaved soul will take the bait, *Promise of Salvation*, because they realize their need for a Lord and Savior.

After you have "hooked" a hungry soul, you will need to decide when to give line and when to take it. Your catch will need to be gently led from the snags Satan will place in your and their way. But with the finesse of kindness and genuine concern for your catch and the strength and durability of the scriptures, you will soon

have your “fish” at boat side. It is then that God will be your net to safely bring that lost soul aboard. For it is only by the grace of God through the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, acting as the net that lost souls are brought to repentance and saved from the wages of sin (*Romans 6: 23*).

You are successful because of your faith and trust in the Lord, Jesus Christ; and, your obedience to following in His ways. It is because you have studied the scriptures with the Holy Spirit bringing those scriptures to memory when you needed them most (*John 14: 25-27*). God has heard your prayers and witnessed your effort to leading this one lost soul closer to Him. As a net, He swoops in with His saving grace and brings your catch safely onboard. God will then rejoice with and reward you for bringing someone to the “live well” known as *Eternal Life in Heaven*.



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