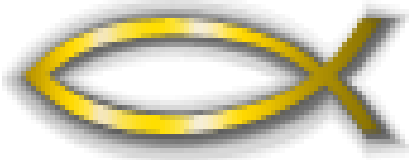


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Luke 5: 10-11

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



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**Peter and Andrew had fished all night without one catch to show
Seen by Jesus, while cleaning their nets, He somehow seemed to know
Put out in deep water, was the advice to Peter, Jesus so cheerfully gave
This unlucky night, thought the weary men, only a miracle could save.**

**Still unbelieving, Peter told the Master, they would do exactly as He said
But in their minds, down an empty path, they were all being hopelessly led
Then pulling the cord, their nets were so full; they were stunned unable to think
Quickly calling their partners, both boats were filled, until sagging and began to sink.**

**Jesus had entered Peter's daily routine, understanding his every need
Nothing was too ordinary, in Jesus' mind, for He wanted His children to succeed
The greatness of Christ, as compared to his own, to Peter, was abundantly clear
Feeling insignificant, as a sinful man, caused him great consternation and fear.**

**Authority established, Jesus invited them to follow, and become His disciples that day
Claiming Christ as Savior, pulled their boats on shore, starting life in a different way**

**Jesus, the One and Only, invites all of us, to pull "our boats" ashore
To become His disciples, as fishers of men, and follow Him forever more.**