

Gone Fishing

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How many times have you wanted to leave your problems behind, get away from it all, and hang the "Gone fishing" sign on your office door?

After the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the disciples were waiting in Galilee for Jesus as He had instructed them. Not knowing what else to do, they decided, under the leadership of Peter, to go out and fish.

The apostle John tells the story like this:

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. (John 21:3–4)

Well, these disciples went out fishing and they caught nothing. That was not a bad thing. But Jesus had them catch nothing to prove a point, which was the futility and uselessness of living our lives without the direction and blessing of Jesus.

And He said to them, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some". So they cast, and they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. (John 21:6)

You can aim at your goals. You can work hard in business, work hard at everything you hold dear, and still your dreams may not be fulfilled because you did not have the Lord direct your life. You did not invite Him to bless your plan or, more importantly, direct you in your plans.

So often we will think, *it's my life and my future and my career and my family and my money*. We forget that we belong to God. He wants to guide and direct your steps. God has a custom-designed plan just for your life.

Keep that in mind as you think about your future. Say, "Lord, show me what do You want me to do? I don't want to go fishing and pull up empty nets. I want Your direction in my life. I want You to guide me."