



**Haven Community Church
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“¹One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,...³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink...¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.”
– Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

When Fish Fly

I. The Delayed Life

• Do something

“³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them...” – John 21:3 (NIV)

• Return & Revert

³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." – John 21:3 (NIV)

– Jesus has to get your attention

– Barrenness

“So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.” – John 21:3 (NIV)

– Do not recognize Jesus

“⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.” – John 21:4 (NIV)

II. Get going

• Return to the point of recognition

“⁶He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"”
– John 21:6-7a (NIV)

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– Luke 5:6-7 (NIV)

• How to recognize when it is Jesus:

– Hear your name

“Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).”
– John 20:16 (NIV)

“...his sheep follow him because they know his voice.” – John 10:4b (NIV)

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– In his wounds

“After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.”
– John 20:20 (NIV)

– Abundance & Obedience

“Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.”
– John 21:10-11a (NIV)

II. Get flying

• Commit yourself

“As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.”
– John 21:7b (NIV)

“"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you.” – John 21:15b (NIV)

• Refocus yourself

“Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them...When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"”
– John 21:20-21 (NIV)

• Be energized

• Remember

“Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men.” ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.
– Luke 5:11 (NIV)

