

# “GONE FISHING”

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John 21:3-14

Jesus had trained his 12 disciples for 3 whole years for ministry. He had been their leader, example, and friend during those years of ministry and intense training. Jesus told them many times that He was going to be crucified and on the third day raised from the dead, but the disciples



did not understand what Jesus really meant. After He was crucified the disciples lost hope and were very discouraged that their leader had been crucified. Instead of believing Jesus and continuing in the faith to

fulfill the command to preach the gospel, Peter and some of the other disciples went fishing. Jesus did not make a mistake when He called them to ministry and trained them for 3 years.

*Jer. 29:11 says, “For I know the plans that I have for you, ‘declares the Lord’, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”*

The disciples were chosen by God to be in the ministry! But it was their sin of unbelief that made them abandon their calling and “go fishing”.

*Peter said, “I am going fishing.” V.3*

*The other disciples said, “...We will also come with you.” V.3*

At this point in their lives and because of the decision they made, they stepped out of God’s perfect will for their lives.

Today many Christians have gone fishing and have abandon their calling from God.

In the home the husband has abandoned his responsibility as a godly:

- leader
- man
- priest
- father
- husband

In the home the wife has abandoned her responsibility as a godly:

- leader (with her husband)
- mother
- wife

In the Christian life many have rejected their calling from God:

- For ministry
- As a godly Christian
- In their spiritual life

Where are these Christians? They have “Gone Fishing”.

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ABANDON OR REJECT OUR CALLING FROM GOD?**

**YOU WILL STEP OUT OF GOD’S PERFECT WILL FOR YOUR LIFE**

When Peter and the disciples made the decision to go fishing, they stepped out of God’s perfect will.

Jesus had told them that they were going to be “fishers of men.” They were called to ministry by Jesus Himself.

*“And He said to them, “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Matt. 4:19*



Jesus did not call them from their old way of living and then after training them for 3 years for them to go back fishing. Jesus called us from the world so that we can serve Him and win souls. Jesus wants every Christian who is washed in the blood to fulfill his destiny in God’s kingdom.

Not every Christian will be called to full-time ministry, but everyone has a job to do for God:

- Nursery
- Raising funds
- Children’s church
- Usher/usherette
- Cooking in the Home
- Choir
- Teaching Bible Study
- Evangelizing

If God has called, you to full-time ministry be careful that you do not go fishing because you will step out of His perfect will for your life. If you do step out of His perfect will the full blessing of God will not be upon your life. You will never really be satisfied with life or have peace in your heart. Down deep in your heart the calling of God will always be piercing you.

*Jeremiah said, “But I say”, I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name, “then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in and I cannot endure it.” Jer. 20:9*

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ABANDON OR REJECT OUR CALLING FROM GOD?**

#### **YOU WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN WHAT YOU DO**

Peter and some of the disciples were professional fishermen. They thought they could abandon their calling and go back fishing and be successful.

*The Bible says, “...They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.” V.3*

### **Why didn’t they catch any fish?**

Because God was dealing with them and was trying to get their attention that they had abandoned their calling. Many Christians today are struggling in their marriage, home, finances, spiritual life and even at the workplace because they also like the disciples have abandon their calling. They also have gone fishing! Some Christians might be successful financially but deep down in their hearts they are poor and miserable. Some Christians because they have stepped out of God’s perfect will have wasted years doing nothing.

### **How many Christians today are still hardening their hearts to the dealings of God concerning their calling?**

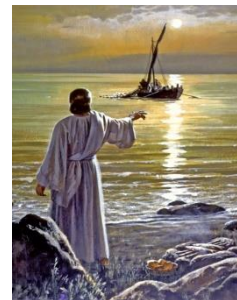
### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ABANDON OR REJECT OUR CALLING FROM GOD?**

#### **SATAN WILL BLIND YOUR EYES SPIRITUALLY TO WHAT YOUR REAL DESTINY IN LIFE REALLY IS**

After spending three years with Jesus, the disciples did not even recognize Jesus after they had went fishing.

*But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.” John 21:4*

The god of this world managed to blind the disciples from their calling. In John 20:19 and 20:26 Jesus appeared to the disciples and they rejoiced when they saw Him. But



somehow satan was able to inject into their hearts fear, doubt, and disbelief. These are the reasons why they were deceived by the devil and why they went fishing. They quit the ministry. But thank God that Jesus does not give up on us that easily. The disciples sinned when they abandoned their calling, and therefore satan was able to blind

them. Sin separates us from God. \*Read (Isa. 59:2)

## **CONCLUSION:**

### **What must I do to step back into God's perfect will?**

*Jesus is standing on the beach waiting for you to make your move. V.4*

- You must repent for turning away from Christ.
- You must obey God once again.

*Jesus told the disciples, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish." V.6*

When they obeyed Jesus, they stepped right back into God's perfect will. They caught fish!

*Jesus opened their eyes again! V.7*

You must follow Jesus again doing His perfect will.

*Jesus told Peter, "Follow Me!" V.19*

