



WILL PETER CONTINUE HIS TRADE AS A FISHERMAN?

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This is our 21st talk “1, 2, 3 STORY TIME”, our special program for you kids but also for adults, because Slide 2 the Gospel is good news for everyone.

Yes for all! Do you know what Jesus was saying?

- Slide 3 Come, come to me, come all, even you who are tired, sick, I will relieve you, Slide 4 come because God loves you .

Slide 5 He welcomed everyone, children and adults alike, Slide 6 and he healed the sick. So, people came by the hundreds, by the thousands to listen to him and be healed.

Today we'll meet him Slide 7 by a lake with a very large crowd.

Slide 8 Now let's listen. You will see that this story is full of surprises. You can reread it in the Gospel of Luke in chapter 5.

At the end of the story, you will answer my question: Slide 9 What did Jesus say to Peter?

Slide 10 WHAT WILL TURN UP PETER'S LIFE?

Slide 11 Imagine Jesus by a lake and a whole crowd gathering around him to be sure to hear it. There is no microphone or amplifier at this time! Slide 12 They jostle to be as close as possible to him ... so much that Jesus nearly has his feet in the water.

Very near there, on the shore, there are two boats with Peter John James and a few very sad and very tired fishermen.

Slide 13 - We're exhausted, they say to each other with a sigh, and we haven't Slide 14 finished!

Slide 15 Indeed, they fished all night.

They had to throw the nets, pull them and throw them again and start over and over and all that for nothing; Slide 16 They didn't take a single fish.

They are exhausted and yet they cannot go to rest, they must now Slide 17 clean the nets, remove algae, shell debris, branches and repair the holes, otherwise you can imagine, hop! the fish return to the water.

Slide 18 - When you think that tonight, said one of them, we will have to go back again and spend all night on the lake!

- Yes, let's hope the fishing will be better this time!

Fishing is their job, a tough job.

Slide 19 Jesus draws near to them.

Slide 20 - Peter, let me get into your boat, he says, **Slide 21** and go a bit further from the shore.

Slide 22 Peter lets him get in and he gives a few strokes of the oar. **Slide 23** Jesus seated in the boat begins to speak of the Kingdom of God. **Slide 24** Anyone can see and hear it!

When he's finished, everyone goes home happy to have listened to him. His words do so much good, they encourage, they give back hope. He tells them about the love of God.

Slide 25 - Now Peter, says Jesus, **Slide 26** go where the water is deep and with **Slide 27** your friends throw your nets for fishing. **Slide 28** You're going to catch fish.

Slide 29 - But, we worked all night without taking anything!

Peter is puzzled they never go fishing in broad daylight, when it's hot, and they are so exhausted.

Why should they go back on the lake? What for?

But Peter thought twice

Slide 30 - Since it is you, Lord, who ask me, I will do it! **Slide 31** I will throw the net.

Slide 32 He moves towards the middle of the lake and **Slide 33** he throws the net...

The net begins to sink, it fills. But where do all these fish come from? There is **Slide 34** so much of it that the net is now about to tear!

Slide 35 - Come! Come!" he shouts, signaling to James and John who are in the other boat.

- Come help us!

Slide 36 Together, they pull the net out of the water and throw the fish into the first boat; now it is full; and the second, it is quickly full too!

Slide 37 They are so full that they sink into the water of the lake.

Peter, James and John are witnessing a miracle there, they are frightened, they see the greatness and the power of Jesus. Nature obeys him.

Peter lowers his head, he is ashamed of himself. Ashamed not to have immediately believed what Jesus said to him, he feels that his heart is bad.

Slide 38 He throws himself to his feet:

- Lord, he says to him, I don't deserve what you've just done for me you know **Slide 39** I'm a wretched man! Go away from me. Leave me on my own, because I don't deserve to be in your presence :

Slide 40 - Don't be afraid, Peter! Jesus tells him, from now on you will no longer catch fish, but **Slide 41** you will be a fisher of men!

Jesus does not reject him but on the contrary he announces to him that his life is going to switch

completely. He will become a fisher of men that is to say a preacher of the Gospel, he will announce this good news of the love of God and of the coming of Jesus.

Slide 42 Peter, James and John bring the boats back to the shore.

Slide 43 - We entrust you with the boats and the fish, they say to their father and to the workers who are there. We are going with Jesus; **Slide 44** we are going to follow him.

Slide 45 And off they go for a life full of adventure.

In our next stories, you will see that Peter will be a preacher like Jesus told him that day.

Slide 46 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

*Since I have known Jesus, my life has changed. I'm not perfect, I would like to do what pleases him, believe what he says, but that's not always the case. Fortunately, **Slide 47** he is patient, he does not reject me but **Slide 48** he encourages me. I know **Slide 49** he loves me and **Slide 50** he wants to help me do what is pleasing to him.*

Slide 51 You too can believe in him, you can ask him to take care of you, to help you. You can also ask him to guide you, to help you prepare for your future?

Before we close, let's answer our question, **Slide 52** what did Jesus say to Peter? He said to him:

Slide 53 - Do not be afraid, from now on you will be a fisher of men.

Slide 54 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

*When Jesus intervenes in our life, we are deeply moved. We feel his greatness, his divinity but also the misery of our heart. We can say like Peter: **Slide 55** "I am a fisherman and I do not deserve your kindness".*

How many times has he used his kindness, his patience towards us, despite our shortcomings and our doubts? His word is always there to encourage us, comfort us.

Our children can also have moments of doubt, of discouragement, it is up to us to accompany, strengthen them with good words. Jesus loves us despite our failings, he loves our children too, they need to be reminded often.

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