


The miraculous catch of fish		
Presence	Considering how God looks at me.	
History Luke 5,1-11	<p>¹ Now it happened that he was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, ² when he caught sight of two boats at the water's edge. The fishermen had got out of them and were washing their nets.</p> <p>³ He got into one of the boats -- it was Simon's -- and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.</p> <p>⁴ When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.'</p> <p>⁵ Simon replied, 'Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.'</p> <p>⁶ And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, ⁷ so they signaled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled both boats to sinking point.</p> <p>⁸ When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.'</p> <p>⁹ For he and all his companions were completely awestruck at the catch they had made; ¹⁰ so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will be catching.'</p> <p>¹¹ Then, bringing their boats back to land they left everything and followed him.</p>	
Petition	<i>Lord, may I know you more clearly, love you more deeply and follow you and your example more nearly!</i>	
Contemplation	<p>v 1 – 3 Jesus teaches the crowds</p> <p><i>Many people gathered by the lake to wait for the fishermen's return and buy their products. That day, they just saw a man that lured them by speaking about God. It was Jesus, but it was the first time they had seen him.</i></p> <p><i>As many people gathered on the beach, Jesus asked the owner of one of the boats, Simon, (whom he later renamed Peter- the first Pope) if he could get on the boat and teach the crowd from there.</i></p> <p><i>Imagine the people who were eager to listen to Jesus' words. Imagine Jesus speaking fondly about God. What did Jesus tell the people?</i></p>	

v 4 – 7 Jesus invites Simon to go fishing together

When Jesus finished speaking, he asked Simon to put out into deep water and pay out their nets for a catch, although the previous night (the best time for fishing) they had caught nothing.

Simon and his friends were tired, sleepless and feeling like going home to rest

Imagine... How did Simon feel when Jesus asked him to pay out their nets again? Why did he agree to do such thing? (silence)

Imagine that you are part of Simon's crew and you are with him and Jesus.

Imagine the boat sailing to deeper waters (silence)...

Imagine Jesus asking Simon to stop and showing him where to pay out the nets. Imagine the fishermen feeling that the nets were getting heavier and heavier because they were full of fish! How did Simon feel? How did the other fishermen feel?

We can never beat God giving. When we share something with others, God holds that against us and rewards us much more generously. We can tell life stories.

v 8 – 10 Jesus invites Simon to catch people

Simon was afraid because a very powerful man was on his boat. Who was that man, who could do that? Jesus tells him not to be afraid, and invites him to work together to catch people and conquer their hearts.

Imagine... What did Simon feel when he was invited by Jesus to do that?

How did he feel when he left everything to follow Jesus?

Colloquy

Let's sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts. Imagine that Jesus invites you to follow him, to live with him and to work together to save all the people.

