

“We Were All Fish Once”

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Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

¹One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around Him and listening to the Word of God, ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 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.

⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.

(WHAT) I began to follow Jesus because....

People are drawn to Jesus because _____
_____. (Luke 4:1-3)

“If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters.”
Alan Simpson

People are drawn to Jesus because _____
_____. Mark 12:37; Luke 4:32

“There are three things to remember when teaching: Know your stuff, know whom you are stuffing, and stuff them elegantly.”
Lola May

People are drawn to Jesus because _____
_____.

“Compassion is sometimes the fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin. It is the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too.”

Frederick Buechner

People are drawn to Jesus because _____
_____.

Jesus wants to make me:

(WHO) I began to follow Jesus because....

All followers _____

All followers _____

Your decision to follow =

The _____ (who)

+ the _____

+ your _____ (what)

“Everybody who followed Jesus became a fisher of men. If you're not fishing, you're not following.”