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Let's Go A Fishing ~ John 21

Peter said, "I go fishing," and six others said, "We also come and go with thee." So let's join them, and go a fishing, because Peter seems to be a good fisherman. One time he did not have enough money to pay his taxes, and his tax consultant advised him to go a fishing. Peter went a fishing, and the first fish caught, had enough money in his mouth to pay the tax. Oh, by the way, his tax consultant was Jesus. You can read it in Matthew 17.

On another occasion Peter had gone a fishing, and fished all night, and took nothing: an ichthyologist, who was in the boat, advised Peter to try one more time, and he caught enough fish to fill two boats. By the way, an ichthyologist is an expert on the study of fish; his name was Jesus. You can read it in Luke 5. So here in John 21 Peter says I go a fishing, so come on, let's go a fishing with him.

Early in the ministry of Jesus He had seen Peter, and Andrew by the sea mending their nets, and He said to them, "Follow me, and I would make you to become fishers of men." All the fishing they had done up to this time was on the Sea of Galilee which is about twelve miles long and eight miles wide, but now unknown to them the perimeters of their fishing would be enlarged to the ocean of humanity, for Jesus would tell them after the resurrection: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned."

They are still fishing for men today through the faithful preaching of the message Jesus gave the Apostles. Actually the main thrust of the work of the church today is the preaching of that word that so many seemed to have forgotten. The motto on every bulletin board outside the house of worship ought to have these words in large letters: "LET'S GO A FISHING."

So they went forth, and that night they took nothing. That seems to be the experience of our fishing many times today. We cast out the gospel net many times, and catch nothing, and then we know how the Apostles felt by day-

break. All night they toiled those men of Galilee-Casting their heavy nets into the sea.

But then Jesus appeared on the beach, although at about a hundred yards away in early dawn they did not know him. He called, "Lads, have ye ought to eat?" They answered, "No!"

He said, "Cast the nets on the right side of the boat, and ye shall find." They cast therefore, and now they were able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. So it is with us. We work, and seem to get nowhere, and then cast the nets one more time and this time we get it right. Always fish from the right side of the boat, the left side is for liberals, you will never catch anything there.

At first they saw Him, but did not recognize Him, but this is not the only time this has happened. Mary Magdalene in John 20 looked into the empty tomb, and saw two angels in white that asked her, "Whom seek ye?" She said, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." She turned herself back and saw Jesus standing and supposed Him to be the gardener.

That disciple whom Jesus loved took another look at the man on the beach and said to Peter: "It is the Lord." This is sometimes a common experience with many of us. A trouble arises in the program of our lives, and everything seems to be changed, and then after a while we have to say like John: "It was the Lord."

In Genesis 28:16 is a statement that amplifies that thought. Jacob was fleeing from home, from the wrath of his brother who promised to kill him. He fell asleep in a desert place with a stone for his pillow. He had a dream of a ladder to heaven revealing to him a glorious future. When he awakened Jacob said, "The Lord was in this place and I knew it not." This should come as no surprise to the Christian in his effort to fish for men. Did not Jesus say in the Great Commission: "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world;" and he also said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Peer through the dusk of dis-

appointment, and you may be able to say: "It was the Lord, and I knew it not."

When Peter heard it was the Lord he put on his outer garment. Peter had evidently stripped to his under garments as he labored during the night. Evidently he did not want to come into the presence of the Lord looking like he just got out of bed until he was properly attired, so he wrapped his cloak about him, and cast himself into the sea, and swam the hundred yard to stand in the presence of the Lord.

But the disciples came in the little boat for they were not far from the land about a hundred yards off, dragging the net full of fishes. Jesus saith unto them, "Bring of the fish which ye have now taken", and Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes a hundred and fifty and three, and for all there were so many the net was not rent.

The command of Jesus to Peter at this point is very instructive. They did not count the fish while they were still in the boat. This is the only true way to count the fish. They waited until they were safe on the shore, and then they counted the fish. Not until we reach the shore of that sea John spoke of in Revelation 4:6, "The sea of glass like unto crystal," will we know the full tally of the fishes we caught. But until that day let us continue to go a fishing.

We need to note also that when Peter drew the net to land the net was not rent. Peter must have thought about that on the day of Pentecost when the gospel net was cast into the sea of humanity before him as he preached the first gospel sermon, and told them of the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. When the assembled thousands realized they had killed the Prince of life, they were pricked in their hearts and asked what they must do? The answer of Peter then, and now is the same; "Repent ye, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you, is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord shall call unto him. They then that gladly received his word were baptized, and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. And it can be said for all there was so many; the net was not rent because the Lord added unto them day by day those that were saved. And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine, and fellowship, in the breaking of dead and the prayers." Jesus had told Peter early in his ministry after the first great catch of fishes: "Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men." There is a difference in catching fish and catching men. In catching fish you draw up from the water a live fish and it dies. In fishing for men you draw up out of the water a person who has died in sin and is raised up to walk in the newness of life. Remember Paul says in Colossians 2:12-14, "When we were buried with Christ in baptism we were dead in trespasses--and made alive together with him." This is now the third time Jesus was manifested unto the disciples, after that He was raised from the dead. So let's go a fishing.

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MARANATHA Communion Meditation

The account of the Lord's Supper is written in Matthew, Mark, Luke and 1st Corinthians. The Apostle Paul who was not present at the time Jesus instituted this memorial feast had more to say about it than those who were. Yet what Paul said is just as true as the report of the others who were there, because he introduces his account with the explanation: "I received of the Lord which also I delivered unto you."

Here is one of the statements that Paul records the other accounts do not mention: "As often as you eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." ASV

Since the account in Luke, and 1st Corinthians include the statement of Jesus, "This do in remembrance of me," it is important to remember as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, the Lord himself said: "If I go I come again."

Paul adds a poignant thought to the return of Jesus at the end of his epistle in 1st Corinthians when he says: Maranatha--our Lord is coming.

Oh there is much to make us sad, in this dark world of ours--The serpents trail is often seen amongst the fairest flowers--But we should never yield to grief, or falling hopeless lie--We will fling our banner to the breeze and Maranatha cry.

What though the hosts of hell be strong, and bold in what they say--The Lord of hosts is on our side--We are sure to win the day--The victor of the cross and tomb is seated now on high--We will fling our banner to the breeze and Maranatha cry. (author unknown)

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UPDATE FROM IKE & LEE

FIANKO CHURCH OF CHRIST

Glad to inform you that, finally, the FIANKO CHURCH OF CHRIST was planted last July 1, 2007 (with 72 membership apart from visitors and those of us who went from our congregation attending). Everything went well; there was no rains like it did last June 24, 2007 during the Informative Assembly to answer questions from the people prior to the establishing the church on July 1, when it rained all day but brethren did not bother but to go through the rains to distribute tracts and to invite people to COME and SEE!!! We got to Fianko two hours earlier to the meeting time to talk to people in their homes at Fianko and in other villages. The brethren that went from our congregation did a very good job traveling between 2 to 4 miles to 2 to 4 villages and back on time to worship on foot. Brethren at Fianko and other villages also did well with the arrangement and getting the place ready for worship. Lee and I and a sister had to stay back in Fianko to study the Bible with some 2 elderly women who also worshipped with us for the first time. We recorded two baptisms!

July 8, 2007, the second worship day of Fianko Church of Christ was also well attended though there was a funeral at Odankwa, which Park Side Church of Christ attended too the previous day, we numbered 86 adults, apart from the four brethren that went from our congregation (PSCC). Now that the church has been planted, we will have to double our visits to the place and also look for someone (which we have already) to manage it so as to be able to man the Park Side Church of Christ (which is also still young) and to continue with our aim to establish another pressing church at Agona Nkwanta (about 6 miles away from our town). Lee and I have come to conclusion to part with \$70 a month for a brother who is very dedicated to soul winning to man the Fianko Church of Christ so that we can have time for other business whilst we keep a closer supervision on the activities there. We are glad that we already have the human resources ready to serve with dedicated heart, but the only problem is a little support for these radiant-in-Christ-brethren. Your prayers have worked and we thank you so much for the assistance given us on everything we are doing for the Lord here in the villages of Ghana. However, we still have more to do.

We need to buy at least 100 pieces plastic chairs for the church as we cannot continue to hire benches, which could cause backaches. Every Sunday at least four brethren will travel to Fianko and also on Thursdays, and it all entails a lot. We also have three (3) more churches to be planted among the 6 villages around Fianko, apart from the one to be established urgently and very soon at Agona Nkwanta. We thank you so much for the materials: Bibles, Tracts and Clothing. We sent some clothing for the kids as well as some mothers that attended church. Thanks for the toys and school bags.

THE NEED TO PLANT MORE CHURCHES

Lee and I were obedient to Christ in baptism in 1979 when we were both 13 years of age. We have been preaching the Gospel all this while till in 1998, we started THE TRUTH to purposely win souls in the rural areas of Ghana. Ever since, we have won several people into the church by the grace of God through this small ministry. Nevertheless, the only congregation of the Lord's church we have solely started is the Park Side Church of Christ (PSCC) where worship now started on August 25, 2002.

Comparably, the Church of Pentecost for example, is spreading all over the country much greater than the Church of Christ. In every village and town, they are there. But one has to travel about four to even six miles to catch a congregation of the Church of Christ. Something that is keeping the church in the dark. Some of the reasons why the Church of Christ is not spreading in Ghana is that, (1) Preachers leading congregations of churches of Christ do not want branches of the church to be established for the fear that they may not get good salaries if branches are established because members of their congregations may worship in the other branch reducing the number of membership and the giving, (2) another reason which is the main reason why congregations of the Lord's church are not being established is that, congregations do not have the money to pay people or preachers who may lead these new

congregations when established. This situation has actually kept the Church of Christ in silence that many people have not heard of the church. Remember that when Christ and the Apostles preached, they did so to win souls into the church. Winning souls without directing them to the church is no soul winning. To help curb this situation, Ike and Lee and THE TRUTH (in collaboration with GIJAPA) have taken it upon themselves to establish more congregations of the Lord's church in the villages and towns in Ghana as from July 2007. At least anything between \$50-\$100 monthly support for a leader of a small congregation would be manageable. Please, pray for us to be able to achieve this aim, as we are beginning with the church at Fianko.

OUR APPRECIATION

We thank everyone out there who is listening to the radio broadcast and donating to GIJAPA. We ask that God bless you all and refill your pockets with more as you impart with money towards the running of His work. We specially thank Mrs. B, Theola, Reg and Edith for their prayers and support in diverse ways for the work we are doing here. We thank you so much and may God bless you all, and always remember that, **'Together We Are Winning Souls!'**

IKE AND LEE

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LETTERS

Ed and Naomi,

Greetings in our Saviour's name. This is Emlyn for Mumbai, India and I am currently in Kansas, US. We are blessed by your ministry and the love you share by devoting your life to extending God's kingdom here on earth. I would like to make a small donation to GIJAPA. Please share these details with me. God bless you Ed and Naomi and your team as God guides you in ministry.

Love, Emlyn

Beloved Brother Bousman,

I am much grateful to your assistance. The work is moving on fine to the glory of God. Keep praying for us here. Because of my radio ministry, more prospects are in our hands and more souls are being won each week. The London Center Corner Church of Christ here is now growing fast and we need more Bibles. Please keep on assisting in any area you could and the Lord will keep on blessing you more and more.

I need more Bibles for my numerous Muslim converts here.

Thanks from Evangelist Alexander
in The Gambia, West Africa

Dear Ed Bousman,

Thank you for the work you are doing in bringing souls to Christ through the GIJAPA broadcasts and Bible Studies. It is such a blessing for us here in this part of the world where there is too much of occultism, witchcraft and traditional beliefs. Thank you again. Last time I received a certificate and also a Volume 3 NT Sermon Book by Ed

Bousman. This has been so much and is still such a perfect manual for spiritual growth and moral discipline. It gives me hope in every sector of my life and has helped me especially in areas of revival and evangelism. I have been crying for revival upon the Church today and God has responded to me faithfully even with the aid of your articles. Regards to our brethren who work with you side by side. Say thank you to them and tell them I am one of their recipients of their kindness and blessings through you.

Yours Awet from Eritrea, E. Africa

Dear Ed and Naomi,

Please find enclosed dollars as promised. Unfortunately the world revolves around money even religion can't survive on goodwill alone. There is no need to send a receipt for the cash. I wish you well in broadcasting God's word. I read the NIV Bible you sent me on a regular basis and the Bible studies. May God be with you always, Ed.

Ian from Merton Park, England

Ed Bousman,

From your brother in Christ again on behalf of Galilee Church of Christ congregation I was able to receive two cartons of Bibles from the post office. We are overwhelmed and with joy in our hearts we say very big thank you to you and your ministry. We will ever remember you in our prayer, thank you once again. May God bless you.

From Swen J. Youn, Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Brother Ed,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May the Lord give good reception of GIJAPA broadcasts throughout the radio stations of the world. I am writing this letter to tell you that I have received your Bible and Bible Study lessons 1-5 of your Bible course, thank you for the same. I would like to receive all of the lessons at one time and all of your study material of Bible. Further I am a translator and an interpreter. I would like to make

GIJAPA broadcast in Hindi language and broadcast I in all India so that more and more people can listen to your broadcast. So tell me of your views about producing programme in Hindi language. Wishing you success for all your efforts.

Anthony from Jabalpur, India

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Very late last night, I happened to turn on my radio and I heard the last statement of your ministry. The reception was not very clear but I managed to write down your address. I am very much interested to study the Bible in depth, and I believe studying with GIJAPA would be the right place to start with. Would you therefore be so kind to send me the free Bible Correspondence courses which you offer. I appreciate very much your ministry and I send you my heartfelt prayers and God's guidance in your zeal to proclaim Christ's Kingdom.

Yours sincerely Ghirmai from Switzerland

Hi Ed and Naomi Bousman!

Hope all is well with you. Grace and peace be with your ministry.

I am Yonatan from Asmara, Eritrea. I am kindly requesting to begin your quite knowledgeable and informative Bible correspondence course. I am a young college student and hoping that I may enrich my knowledge of the scriptures by studying your Bible correspondence course. According to the information I obtained from other Eritrean brethren they were able to profit from your Bible course and I am one of those who would like to benefit from it.

Moreover, there is a brother, Adlhanom here who would like also to commence the Bible correspondence lessons. So please do help us to begin this course by sending the first pack of the course.

Sincerely expecting your response,

Best Regards Mr. Yon



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