January 26

Fishers for Men

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.
He who is wise wins souls. – Proverbs 11:30

[Luke 5:1-9] Now it happened, while the multitude pressed on him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets. He entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

Simon answered him, "Master, we worked all night, and took nothing; but at your word I will let down the net." When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking. They beckoned to their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. They came, and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord" for he was amazed, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had caught.

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[Mark 1:17-20, *Luke 5:11*] Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you into fishers for men." Immediately they left their nets, and followed him. Going on a little further from there, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and *when they had brought their boats to land* they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

1. How did Peter show faith? Are there similar ways that you have shown your faith?

2. How would you feel as Zebedee? Have you had to leave behind family in any way?

3. Jesus, I want to be a fisher for men, please help me recognize I'm a sinner so that…