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Luke 15:10 (NIV)

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV)

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

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Romans 10:13-15 (NLT)

For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ⁽¹⁴⁾ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ⁽¹⁵⁾ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)

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3. Jesus _____ to fish.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ⁽²⁰⁾ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Mark 16:15 (NIV)

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

Luke 24:46-48 (ESV)

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John 20:21 (NIV)

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

4. _____ all fish once.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV)

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

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1. In Matthew 4:19 (ESV), Jesus tells Peter and Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." What does this calling mean for us today, and how do we overcome the idea that God only uses "spiritual superstars"?
2. One of the sermon points was "Fishing is work, but catching is amazing." Share a time when you experienced joy in seeing someone grow spiritually because of a conversation or invitation you extended.
3. We were reminded, "We were all fish once" (2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV). How does remembering your life before Christ impact your passion to reach others now?
4. According to Romans 10:14-15 (NLT), people need to hear the gospel to believe it. What practical steps can we take to become one of those "beautiful feet" messengers in our daily lives?
5. What else did God say to you through this message?

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