

Today we hear about God's Call & Our Conversion

- Isaiah hears God while praying in the Temple
- St. Paul talks about his conversion from persecuting the Church to becoming Apostle
- Peter drops everything and follows Jesus after seeing the catch of fish

Have you ever wondered if God is calling you? How would He do it?

I think God works more in the day-to-day stuff than in a vision like He did to Isaiah.

For example: Look at Peter – he's a fisherman, so Jesus uses fish.

Peter had fished all night – caught nothing

Is it a coincidence that they come ashore at the very beach Jesus is preaching?

Is it a coincidence that Jesus picks Peter's boat to preach from?

Jesus is going to use fish to convert Peter. *What will He use to convert you?*

There's a little pearl in this Gospel –

For Peter to become a 'fisher of men' – first he had to be a fish

For Peter to become a 'fisher of men' – first he had to be caught by Jesus

And when a fish is caught, what happens to it? It dies, that it can feed others

That is what's about to happen to Peter

Peter had fished all night & caught nothing

Jesus says **try again** (Peter could've refused, nice speech JC but I'm tired, lets go)

But – Peter hears JC (key). JC says **try again** & because it's J – he drops the nets

And because it's J, they make a great catch → and Jesus catches Peter

Peter falls to his knees and confesses his sin – old sinful Peter dies –

And Peter the Apostle is born – Peter the fisher of men who feeds us with Word.

Isaiah was in the temple – a man with unclean lips becomes greatest prophet

Paul was on his way to Damascus to persecute Church & becomes greatest evangelist

When God calls us sometimes we respond to God's Call – sometimes not –

& Jesus says to us **try again**

Where will God call us - will we be in the bottom of a boat, kneeling on dead fish?

I don't know, but I do know he can take you from: "I'm a man with unclean lips" to

"Send Me"

Each of us is loved by God. We all know others ALSO loved by God.

Whether at school, at home, or at work – we have the same call of Isaiah, Peter and Paul.

But first Jesus has to catch us – are you ready for that?

Are you willing to say "Here I am God, send me!"