



## Stories 3.0: What Jesus Wants


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### Jesus wants to [teach us to trust Him](#).

 Luke 5:1–3 (NIV84) “One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around Him and listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He 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.” [video](#)

 Romans 10:17 (NIV84) “...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”


### Jesus wants to [show us we can trust Him](#).

 Luke 5:4–5 (NIV84) “When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”


 Luke 5:6–10a (NIV84) “When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”<sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.”


**1. They were [astonished](#) at the [size](#) of the catch.**


**2. Peter was [aware](#) of the [sin](#) in his life.**

 Isaiah 6:1–5 (NIV84) “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

### Jesus wants to [see us continue to trust Him](#).

 Luke 5:10b–11 (NIV84) “Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.”<sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.”

 Matthew 17:27b (NIV84) “Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.”

 John 21:6–7 (NIV84) “He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. <sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.”

**Digging Deeper:** Do you feel called to do something specific for God? What



are you doing about that? Jesus borrowed a boat from Peter—What does HE want to borrow from you to teach others?—your couch, living room, your classroom? What has God used as a platform to speak to you? What ordinary thing has He transformed into a megaphone in your life? Are college students and some atheists more interested in a spiritual awakening than you are? What is going to change starting today?