

A Fisherman's Wife

Scene – Peter comes on stage where his wife is busy straightening.

Peter: Say, I'm going fishing tonight.

Wife: Fishing? Oh good. That will give you a chance to think. I know you have been pretty discouraged lately. Is anyone going with you? Oh wait. James and John – they always go fishing with you.

Peter: You're right. James and John will be there. It will be just like the old days when we were partners in our fishing business. But actually, others are going to. Thomas and Nathanael are coming along. And then there is ... Well, all together, there will be seven of us.

Wife: That's good, dear. I truly hope you can get on the top of this thing. I hate seeing you down.

Peter: Well, I have good reason. It's not like I made some little mistake. Oh no. When the Lord was going through his darkest hour, I openly denied that I knew him – and not just once but three times.

Wife: Oh Peter, everything has changed! Think of it. Jesus rose from the dead. It's all right now. You should be excited, like all the others.

Peter: Yeah, well ... I don't know. As I told you before, I don't think I am qualified to be a disciple of Jesus. I thought I could do it. I thought nothing would stop me – or pull me back from being loyal to Jesus. I thought I would follow him, even if it meant dying for him. Well, I proved that wasn't true.

Wife: Peter, it was just a moment of weakness. In reality, it may all be according to God's plan.

Peter: No, it's more than just 'weakness.' I just don't have what it takes to be a disciple. I thought I did, but ... well ... actually I am thinking about going back to my old profession. I guess once a fisherman – always a fisherman.

Wife: Peter ...

Peter: Listen. Jesus is God's Son. He rose from the dead. Do you understand what that means? This is big ... and it is going to need strong people who won't buckle when things get tough. I have proved to everyone that I can't be one of those people.

Wife: Oh, just go fishing and have a good time. And remember this. I am your wife and I will support you no matter what you decide about this. Still, I believe God has great things for you. While you are out fishing, I am going to be here ... praying. Praying that God will reveal His will for your

James (*pokes head around the corner*): Hey Peter. Ready to go?

Wife: Go on. Go fishing tonight. I have a feeling you will find your answer by morning.

Peter: Maybe so. Well, at least I hope so. Thanks honey. You have always been a good fisherman's wife.