

LET'S GO FISHIN'

Most of us remember the big oil spill of 2010 that affected so many species of wildlife and their habitats not to mention the death of several people, the many reported cases of health issues for others, and the destruction of the beaches. What sticks out in my mind is how so many animals were covered in oil. Rescue workers had to find wildlife covered in oil and work fast to try to save as many as possible. What was part of their method? Dawn dish liquid! It had the power to break down the oil and remove the residue thus saving the animal's life. In essence, workers were "fishing" for the suffering wildlife, for those at risk of perishing. They would gently wash them with the liquid to wash away the filthy oil.

As Christians, we are Jesus' fishermen looking for those people who are at risk of being eternally lost (perishing). Some do not even realize the danger they are in just as the animals had no idea the damage the oil was causing them. You and I are part of Jesus' rescue team. We have the lifesaving remedy. We have what they need to be saved from eternal death and be given eternal life. Are we going to do our job and offer them Jesus?

For everyone held captive to their sins, He offers salvation, forgiveness, grace, and mercy. For those with addictions, He offers freedom. For those who are broken, He can make them whole again. Jesus has the cleansing power that washes it ALL away.

If we are true Christians, then we must be true followers. The first words Jesus said to Peter was "follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Now to "follow" means we are to learn how He was a fisherman and do likewise. Ever watch ducklings? At first they are diligent in keeping right in step with their mother. "Ducks in a row" as they say. They learn from their mother how to fish for their food. As they mature they venture out away from her a little bit and try it on their own. Once they have fully matured, they take everything they have learned from following her and do likewise. They "fish."

We have a world full of people who desperately need the lifesaving blood of Jesus to wash away their sin and give them eternal life. Are you going to do your job and "Go Fishin"?

Grab your pole (HIS Word). Grab your lures (His forgiveness, His mercy, His grace, His healing touch, His freedom). LET'S GO FISHIN'.

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