

Day 4 | Live It | Take Up Your Mission

In today's One Percent Prayer, Margaret invites you to take up your place in Jesus' mission.

If you didn't have time or weren't ready yesterday, you might choose today to spend more time with yesterday's - (Re)Commit Your Life To Jesus.

In today's scripture passage, when the miraculous catch makes Simon Peter realize that Jesus is the Lord, he pushes Jesus away in shame. But Simon Peter's sin and shortcomings don't scare Jesus. Rather than rejecting him, Jesus offers him the adventure of a lifetime.

Jesus loves you more than you can imagine. He loves you so much, that he invites you into the deepest desire of His heart, the mission that He came to accomplish: that everyone might have eternal life with him in the love of his Father and the Holy Spirit.

If that scares you, hear Jesus' words to Simon Peter spoken to you, "do not be afraid."

When Simon Peter left his nets and followed Jesus, he did not fully know what that would mean. He simply knew that Jesus was good, Jesus was the Lord, and despite Simon Peter's failings, Jesus wanted him. The same is true for you: Jesus is good, Jesus is the Lord, and despite your weaknesses, Jesus wants you.

To commit to Jesus' mission does not mean you have to be perfect or have it all figured out. Committing to follow Jesus and take up our part in His mission means asking him to help us recognize and take the opportunities he gives us to love others as He loves them.

St. Augustine said we are all beggars before God. In Jesus' mission, we are simply one beggar, lovingly offering to show another beggar where the feast is.

We invite you to take some time reflecting on your response to Jesus' invitation to his mission. Talk with him about what it brings up for you, ask for what you need, and tell him how you respond to his invitation.

Looking for more? See the first three paragraphs of the Catechism of the Catholic Church