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**Note the imagery within Christ' parable:**

- **The lake is the \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **\_\_\_\_\_ fish in the lake is \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **The net is the \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **\_\_\_\_\_ fish in the net are lost.**

### THREE FISHING STORY FACTS THAT JESUS WANTS TO TEACH ME

#### 1. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ to catch \_\_\_\_\_ of fish.

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I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you. I will put a curse on anyone who calls down a curse on you. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you." **Genesis 12:2, 3** (NIrV)

"I will also bless the foreigners who commit themselves to the LORD, who serve Him and love His name.... <sup>7</sup> I will bring them to My holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy... My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations. <sup>8</sup> For the Sovereign LORD, who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says: I will bring others, too, besides My people Israel. **Isaiah 56:6-8** (NLT)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All power [authority] in heaven and on earth is [has been] given to me. <sup>19</sup> So go and make followers [disciples] of all people in the world [the nations]... **Matthew 28:18-19a** (EXB)

In this new life one's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all. **Colossians 3:10** (LB)

#### 2. I should \_\_\_\_\_ that not every fish is a \_\_\_\_\_.

When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. **Matthew 13:48** (NIV)

In the net, \_\_\_\_\_, there are "good" and "bad" fish.

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. <sup>14</sup> But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. **Matthew 7:13-14** (NLT)

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them... **Matthew 7:15-17** (NIV)

Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven. Simply calling Me "Lord" will not be enough. Only those who do the will of My Father who is in heaven will join Me in heaven. <sup>22</sup> At the end of time, on that day of judgment, many will say to Me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name? Did we not drive demons out of the possessed in Your name? Did we not perform miracles in Your name?" <sup>23</sup> But I will say to them, "I never knew you. And now, you must get away from Me, you evildoers!" **Matthew 7:21-23** (Voice)

#### 3. I must \_\_\_\_\_.

- I can \_\_\_\_\_ to sort it all out in the end.

This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Matthew 13:49 50** (NIV)

- I can \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.

Be helpful to all who may have doubts. <sup>23</sup> Rescue any who need to be saved, as you would rescue someone from a fire. Then with fear in your own hearts, have mercy on everyone who needs it. But hate even the clothes of those who have been made dirty by their filthy deeds. **Jude 22, 23** (CEV)

- I can \_\_\_\_\_ seriously.

Those people who are listening to Me, those people who hear what I say and live according to My teachings—you are like a wise man who built his house on a rock, on a firm foundation. <sup>25</sup> When storms hit, rain pounded down and waters rose, levies broke and winds beat all the walls of that house. But the house did not fall because it was built upon rock. <sup>26</sup> Those of you who are listening and do not hear—you are like a fool who builds a house on sand. <sup>27</sup> When a storm comes to his house, what will happen? The rain will fall, the waters will rise, the wind will blow, and his house will collapse with a great crash. **Matthew 7:2 4-27** (Voice)