

## **SPIRITUAL TASK—THE DRAWING POWER OF LOVE** (John 21)

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**Story** After the Lord's resurrection the disciples decided to go fishing. They fished all night and caught nothing. In the morning a man appeared on the shore and said to cast the net on the right side and they will find fish. They did and caught 153 fish. They recognized that the man was the Lord.

**Meaning** In all of our pursuits in life if we can remember to approach things from “the right side” (from love, charity, kindness) we will be fruitful. Trying to do things from human ingenuity or the attitude “I am right” we will be frustrated.

**Task** This week in all your interactions with others (marriage, friendships, parenting, the workplace, and so on) tell yourself, “Let's approach this in a loving way.” Then ask yourself, “In what way can I come from a heart of love, kindness and goodness?” Or simply say, “Okay, let's fish from the right side,” as a reminder. See what happens