

Entering God's Story

"Behold, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it." Job 13:1

Try placing yourself in God's story. As you read, observe the action with all your senses, looking for new insights or awareness of God's presence.

For Example: Read John 21:3

Simon Peter said to them "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out, and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.



Imagine yourself in the scene

*"As Peter pushed the boat off from shore, heaving in the anchor, did he hear the creak of the wooden timbers and the snap of the billowing sails? Did he breathe deeply of the fresh sea air and feel the cool spray of water in his face? Did he smell the pungent odor of fish and feel the coarse texture of the nets, and remember all those earlier years of fishing on the Sea of Galilee with a nostalgia that bordered on longing? Peter seems to have gone back to the old lifestyle from which Jesus had called him." —Anne Graham Lotz, *Just Give Me Jesus**

Now look at the rest of the story...

Read: What do you see? Look for who, what, where, when, why and how observations.

Reflect: What are you Sensing? Wondering? Believing about God? What pictures come to mind?

Respond: What do you hear God telling you to do right now? How will you do it?

- Praise _____
- Gratitude _____
- Prayer _____
- Action _____



Entering God's Story John 21:4-13 (NIV)

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

- Put a "W" or an "H" over the who, what, where, when, why, or how that stands out to you.
- Underline words and phrases that trigger one of the senses (use different colors).
- **SEE** **HEAR** **SMELL** **TASTE** **FEEL**
- Circle any action words you see.
- Use these observations to respond to the questions on your worksheet