

Journey with Jesus

Praying through the Gospel of Mark

Station 3 - Follow me



The Drag Net

A hopeful man
Whose net is stretched
Between the tattered
Breakwaters to catch
The shoals that may
Come with the sea.

A faithful man
Returning after every tide
In dark or light,
To pick the seaweed
From the wave-wrung net,
And set the line 'till
It is taught again.



The Drag Net by Andrew Hawes
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- Find a place to sit quietly
- You may like to light a candle
- Be aware of God's loving eyes watching over you
- As we Journey with Jesus ask God for the grace, rooted in the Song of Songs:
- **Give me the desire to desire you**
- As you do you might like to listen to this piece of music by Einaudi, taken from his album Seven Days Walking // Day 3



Read this passage from Mark chapter 1. What words or phrases strike you?

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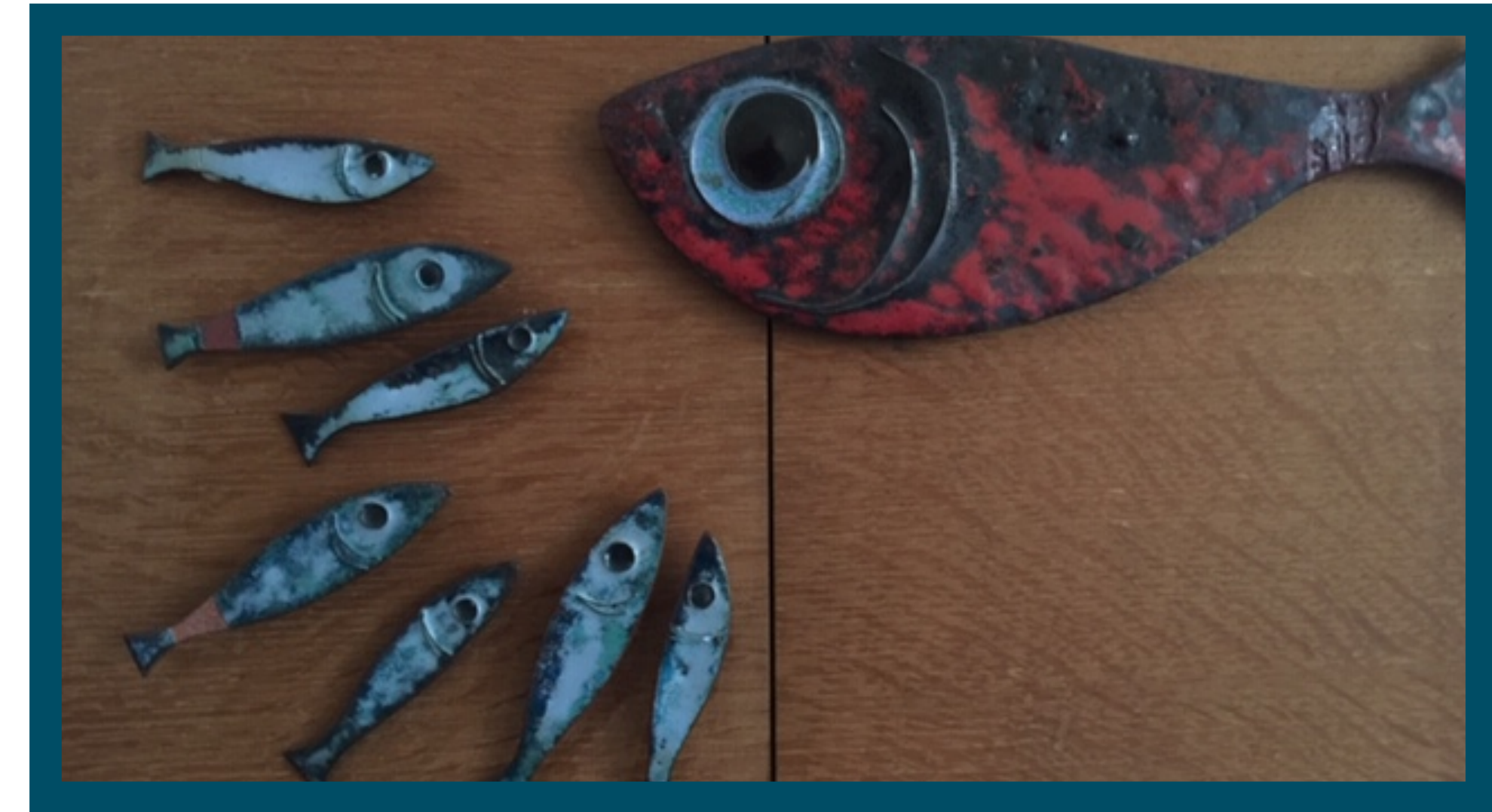
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Read these words from Mark chapter 1 again slowly.
Stay with one of the words or phrases that catches you and hold it in the stillness before God

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What thoughts, feelings and images have emerged in this time of prayer?

How has the Spirit been at work in your heart as you have prayed?

What has been your own personal experience of hearing God's call?

What is God's invitation to you now, at this time?

Maybe you would like to note down what God has shown you in this time.

Give thanks.



O God, we thank you for our birth,
for your care for us until now,
for your choice of us,
your call to us,
your hope in us,
for your promise to us of love, grace and strength,
the fullness of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
your incarnate Son,
our Saviour and our Lord.

Amen

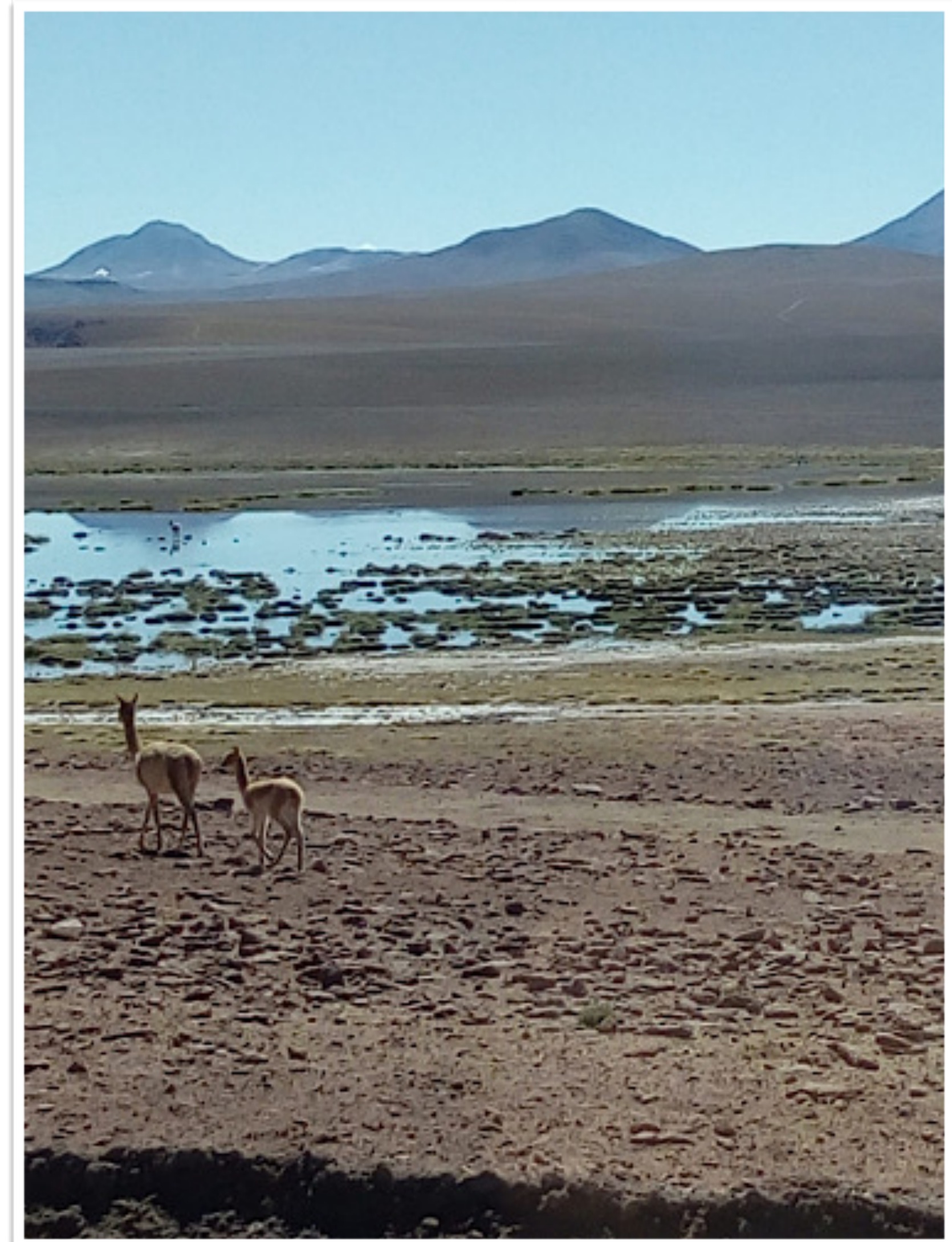
Adapted from George Appleton, *Gratitude for our Calling*



Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea.

Ezekiel 47:10

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Creative prayer

- Look at the traditional Chinese character for LISTEN.
 - It is made up from characters for other words.
- You might like to sit down with a pen and paper and copy the different elements of the character and then copy the whole word.
- You might then like to turn it in to a book mark for your Bible.
- As you do , pray and ask God to give you open eyes, ears and a heart willing to listen.
- As you do this you might like to:
 - Consider how do you listen for the call of God?
 - Listen to this version of the song I the Lord of Sea and Sky.



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A series of prayer stations
based on the gospel of Mark.



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