

I love the fact that for apostles Jesus generally choose fishermen. I have done a bit of fishing myself.
It demands patience and preparation, but does not naturally incline the participant to skills of
teaching, management or leadership.

Jesus choose fishermen. Not the learned Scribes or Pharisees.

Jesus choose fishermen, not a Roman centurion, or a part of Herod's royal court

Jesus choose fishermen

Ordinary working people

Ordinary working people who did extraordinary things.

Who would themselves have surly been stunned if they had seen the effects of their faltering efforts.

But then who else was there to do it?

What else was there, for them to do?

Christ had chosen them

At this moment in our hospitals, and health care centres, are people being overwhelmed by the size
and chaos of this crisis.

There are those given the jobs of keeping the busy wards and corridors clean and free from
infection.

There are those in the kitchens, the pharmacies, and the administration.

There are the doctors and nurses dressed like spacemen giving compassionate care and science.

In the face of the apparently impossible, the tasks may seem beyond endurance.

Who am I to take on this role

But then who else is there to do it?

What else is there for you to do?

Christ has chosen you

Take up the responsibility and allow for the miracles

At this moment in our schools children of essential workers are being taught in the classrooms.

With the list of essential workers having increased enormously.

Then there are children at home, being taught through social media, and work packs, and blustering
parents.

The schools must remain open, and so again must remain clean

The local management must make decisions, and have very difficult conversations.

Exams and the preparation for life's challenges is shifting
Bubbles burst and infection threatens all involved in education
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There are families where the virus has got into the home. Each member trapped in one bedroom.
One member of the group trying to provide the food and care.

There are businesses trying to maintain, a shop, a garage, a hair dressers without any income coming
in. Jobs are in danger of disappearing. Livelihoods of others a real responsibility.

There are mothers and fathers forced by the situation into making decisions which would otherwise
be unnecessary. Caring for aged parents from behind a window. Missing the sight of grandchildren
growing up. Young people who also bear responsibility, trapped at home.

Each on occasion called upon to take up the part of leadership.

But

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Christ did not choose the learned Scribes and the Pharisees. He did not choose the Centurions or
members of Royal courts.

He chose fishermen

And they performed miracles

Who are you to take up this role?

Believe in yourself

Believe in what you are called to do

And allow the miracles to happen.

