

The Story of Two Fishes

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Narrator: Once there were two great fish. The one fish's name was Salmon and the other fish's name was Leviathon.

**** Salmon and Leviathon enter and begin walking around, each of them demonstrating their character.*

Narrator continues: These fishes were both very strong in their own ways.

Narrator: Salmon is a different kind of fish because he has a new nature, ... He has Jesus inside and therefore can swim with God's flow. He has spent most of his life knowing God in the open sea of endless love. Like a drop of water in the ocean, Salmon felt swallowed up in God's love and acceptance. He would swim in this great big ocean and discover new depths of God's heart every day. Salmon learned about the power of God's endless life and how that life was in him. Every day as Salmon dwelt in this sea of love he was strengthened deep within. Soon he was able to swim up waterfalls and withstand great pressure just to lay down his life for the other fishes. He was able to swim against the flow only because the Life of Christ was strengthening Him from within. He was carried by God's Life inside of him. *(Salmon is demonstrating these qualities and acting this out as the narrator speaks).*

Leviathon has the old selfish nature and has no place in His heart for God's life. He always likes to have his own way and will never take no for an answer. He is proud and selfish and wants to make himself look better than everyone else. Leviathon lives deep in the sea of selfishness and lurks around in the dark places. He only likes to show himself when it will frighten the other fishes and make him feel more powerful. The only times he will come to the surface is to gloat and be hurtful. *(Leviathon walking/swimming around looking proud and boastful, etc)*

Narrator: Each of these fish spent their time differently. Salmon would spend a lot of his time praying that all the fishes would have strength to follow Jesus no matter what. *(Salmon is crying out and praying and interceding for others.)*

Narrator: Leviathon enjoys laughing and mocking at people just to make himself feel more powerful. He spends most of his time trying to make himself look strong and everyone else feel stupid. *(Leviathon is walking around laughing and mocking and being loathsome.)*

Narrator: Both Salmon and Leviathon lived and swam among the other fishes. Young and old, all the fishes knew Salmon and Leviathon. Some of the fishes followed Leviathan, and some of the fishes followed Salmon.

(All the little fishes swim out, some of them following Salmon and some of them following Leviathon.)

Narrator: The fishes that followed Leviathon were like a gang of mobsters. They would abuse the other fishes and be mean. No matter how much the other fishes told them it was wrong, they did not care... nothing seemed to touch their hearts.

(Leviathon and his fishes swim around like a gang of mobsters being mean to the other fishes and laughing, displaying rebellious and riotous behavior).

Narrator: The fishes that followed Salmon would swim along with him, listening to him tell them stories about the open sea of endless love and how God's heart is our home and Jesus is the love inside of us. He told them about the springs of life that he would be traveling to one day to be able to share Jesus' life with others. He would have to swim up waterfalls and through strong currents that went against him, but the life of Jesus in Him would strengthen him for the journey.

Salmon: Salmon shares with the other little fishes about the day that Jesus

came into his heart and filled him with God's life. Salmon tells the fishes how Jesus is growing stronger in His heart every day. The life and nature of Jesus fill him with strength to go against the flow no matter what the cost. Salmon also shares about how big God's heart is and how we are in God's heart, the open sea of endless love, and how we can live there.

Leviathon: Leviathon and his fishes swim up to Salmon and his fishes and start pushing them and making fun of them. They are shouting, "You all are so weak, you all are so stupid, ... you won't even be mean back to us!!" Don't you know we hate you and want to hurt you?

All of Leviathon's fishes are laughing and mocking and all of Salmon's fishes are scared and do not know what to do. Salmon just looks at all of the little fishes that are mocking him and tells them that he loves them.

Narrator: Salmon is swimming upstream loving those who are being mean to him, while Leviathon is being pulled down the currents of hate and pride.

One of Leviathon's fishes steps out from the crowd and cries out, "How can you go against this flow of hate and be strong enough to love? It is like streams of hate are pouring down on you and you keep swimming up them with love! I want to have your strength! It is easy to be mean and selfish like Leviathan! I want to be strong enough to swim upstream and love my enemies and follow Jesus. I have tried to be good, but I am always pulled down. What must I do?"

Salmon answered, "There is no way we can overpower Leviathon. He is too big and too strong. He pulls us all down into his waterfall of selfishness and pride. Only Jesus living inside of us will set us free from Leviathon's selfish nature and strengthen us to swim up those streams of hate with love and forgiveness. They all pray out loud, "God, fill us with the Nature and Life of Jesus that loves and gives itself for others. Just ask Jesus into your heart! It is His life that loves and His strength that swims upstream."

The little fishy swims up to Leviathon and says, “True strength comes from God alone. Only His life in us will give us the ability to love and not hate.” Then little fishy turned around and swims along with Salmon.

As little fishy and Salmon are swimming little fishy asks Salmon where they are going. Salmon tells little fishy that he needs to spend some time growing in the open sea of endless love, and that Salmon is going to swim far away to travel up the streams to the springs of life. There Salmon is going to lay his life down so that many more little fishes can live. Little Fishy told Salmon that he felt like his heart was being filled with an ocean of love. Salmon tells little fishy that Jesus is like an ocean of love that fills us with endless springs of life for others. We all must swim in God’s ocean, and we all must swim up the streams that lead to sharing the life of Jesus with others.

The End.