



### «The BIGGEST SURPRISE of all!»

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This year it was really hard to build relationships with my classmates. They made fun of me and left me alone because I think, speak and act differently than them.

It was a continuous challenge to keep loving and going out towards them, trying to be the first to love.

One day, even a friend who I always tried to help with her work stopped talking to me.

In my heart I said, "Jesus, give me the strength to keep listening to her and seeing her with new eyes."



But that wasn't the end of it. The biggest surprise of all was at the end of the year, when we were all saying goodbye to each other, the whole class came up to me and said:

**"Lin, stay just like you are! You're on the right path."**

This was just one more confirmation for me that only the Ideal remains, everything else passes away.

The next day she didn't even answer when I said hello, but then at our recess break, she came over and gave me a hug, saying she was sorry.

**In that moment I experienced that the only true weapon we can use is Love.**

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When Jesus had finished teaching, he sat down in Simon Peter's boat and told Peter and his companions to put out into deep water and lower their nets for a catch. Peter explained that they had worked hard all night and had caught nothing. And yet he said,

**«But at your command I will lower the nets.»**

Peter was an experienced fisherman and after an unproductive night, he could have rejected Jesus' invitation to cast the nets in broad daylight, the least favorable time to catch fish.

Instead he went beyond his own reasoning and put his faith in Jesus.

This is a typical situation that we too can face.

**In fact our faith can be put to the test in a thousand different ways.**

**That's why to follow Jesus requires determination, commitment and perseverance.**

We have to have the **courage to keep going ahead**, to resist all the negative influences of the world around us, from peer pressure, friends or the media.

**Sometimes it's a difficult struggle that we have to face one day at a time, or better, one HOUR at a time.**

But if we take on the task and welcome it, it will help us to mature as Christians. We will **experience that the extraordinary words of Jesus are really true, that he keeps his promises.**

**We'll see that life can be a divine adventure, a thousand times more fascinating than any other we can imagine.**

Without God, life is often dull and fruitless, whereas following him we are filled with everything that is good. He gives us the hundredfold in this life and then eternal life, too.

**It's like the miraculous catch of fish repeated once again!**



**OPERATION RIIING!**

This month let's practice living his Word in a place where we can really make a difference: **at school.**

The school BELL will remind us to LIVE the Word of Life and will help us START OVER AGAIN every time we stop.



**HOUR by HOUR we will see that we are not alone in living like this, because the bell is ringing all over the world!**

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