Well now, let me tell you something about fishing. Do you know any fishermen? These men have the most patience of all the men in the world! It's possible for these men to sit on the edge of the water all day long, all night long, possibly all week, only waiting for the fish to nibble at the bait!

You wait all day for a good solid strike, when you know you've really got life on the end of the line!

Now we're dealing with some big fish, older fish, experienced fish, and if you're going to catch them it takes much time!

For the small fish you can usually stand on the shore or the pier, and there you are in your element and you're very strong on your two feet on the land and it's much easier.

But if you're going off fishing for big fish you have to go out in a boat into their country on the sea where they rule.

You are not at home in the sea and the boat is rocking and it may be stormy and it's much more difficult than when you're fishing on the land in your own country.
The big fish has a big fight! I have known men to be pulled overboard. It's dangerous for us to push too hard, too fast, too quick on the big fish. We've had some big fish on the line, hooked firmly in the jaw, but right away you try to reel them in, right now quick! And just like that they break the line and swim off completely free, never to come back!

So sometimes it's not wise to push people, especially authorities, influential people, big important men, because you push them to make a decision for or against you!

The good fisherman lets the fish take the lead. He leads, and the fisherman has to follow the fish.

He immediately tries to get rid of the line, so the first thing you do is relax the line. Let him play and run off with the bait. Let him think, "Aha, I have won, I have stolen the bait from the fisherman!" But the wise fisherman doesn't let him break the line, he's still got the line. And as the big fish gets tired of playing the line keeps pulling him in, pulling him in. So each time you pull in a little bit more line than he takes out. He takes a step forward, but then you pull him back two steps!

You need to decide now!

If she would only change the subject...

Wow! She really loves me! She wants to be with me now!

Oh John, you need to tell me more about yourself!
I have a business meeting tonight. I'll call you tomorrow!

OK! That's OK! But I'll miss you!

If he swims out, OK, let him go, but keep the line tense -- just enough tension to know he's there. Don't lose contact with these fish that we have hooked. "Keep in touch!"

You are just there and available. The best ability is availability. You don't chase the fish. The fish will let you know when he's tired of the fight and he decides to give up and surrender, then begin to pull him in. You don't decide for him. The decision is all up to the fish.

I don't want to fight anymore!

I still love you!

Keep a line on them; it may be years before you can pull them all the way in! But the line must be very small with which you catch these big fish, because if he sees the line he gets afraid. Never try to pull them in right away, never!

You were right. I can't make it on my own. I really do need the Lord's help!
Small fish you can bring in pretty quick, pretty easy, with a small pole and very little line, but the big fish—never. He'll fight the hook the most because he's bigger, he's stronger, he's older, more experienced and he doesn't want to be hooked.

It takes from one to three hours to bring them into where you can bring them to the side of the boat. Even then they're so big and heavy it usually takes two or three men to pull them into the boat!

I love you, my precious precious bait! — Your own dear Fisherman!

P.S. Sock it to them! Hook them! Give them the Word! Once you put the hook of His Word firmly in their jaw,