



Grace and Faith

WHAT TRUTHS CAN WE HOLD ONTO WHEN WE MAKE MISTAKES?

The **POINT** > Jesus seeks out, forgives, and restores.

> JOHN 21:4-12,15-19

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come

and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Eggs are the most popular breakfast food for Gen Z, with fruit and toast coming in second and third place.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // JESUS

Jesus' grace is so powerful it extends to us even when we continue to fall short of His glorious standard for our lives.

When I think of the events of John 21:1-19, the emotions of Peter always stick out to me. On the boat, Peter was overwhelmed with the desire to be with Jesus. So much so that he jumped off the boat and began swimming to the shore instead of just waiting for them to arrive on the beach.

Before Jesus' crucifixion, Peter had denied Jesus three times. He must have been nervous every time he encountered the risen Savior. Jesus and Peter had not yet talked about his denial in the courtyard, but Peter also loved Jesus beyond compare. His emotions were all over the place. In the first part of Chapter 21, it all comes to a head: Peter's love for Christ and being reinstated to share Jesus with others. Jesus dealt with Peter's denial but also encouraged him to use the love he had for Jesus to change the world.

JOHN 21:4-12

1 How does Jesus' pursuit of the disciples encourage you?

2 In what ordinary places in your life might Jesus be showing up to draw you closer to Him?

JOHN 21:15-17a

3 Have you ever felt disqualified because of your past mistakes? What happened?

4 What does this passage teach you about Jesus' forgiveness?

5 What would it look like for you to "feed His sheep"?

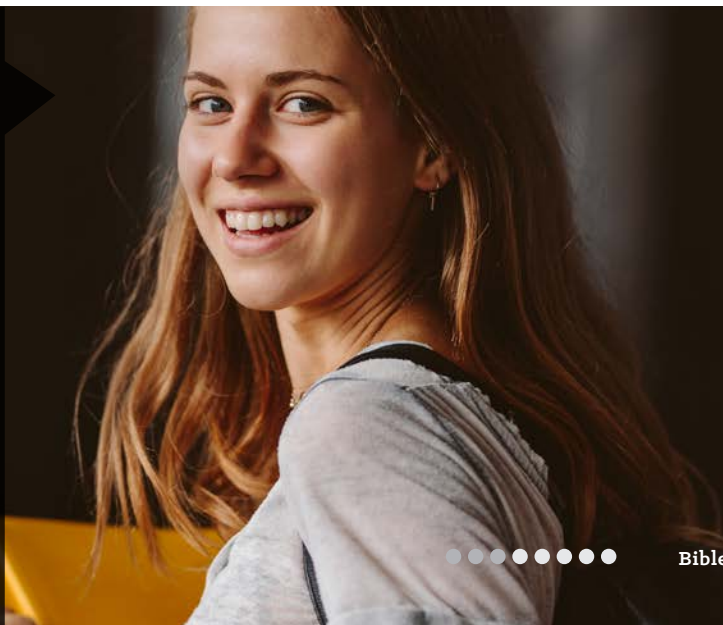
JOHN 19:17b-19

6 How have you seen Jesus' restoration in your life?

7 How can you serve and "feed His sheep" in your church or community?

8 What does it mean for you personally to follow Jesus each day?

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LIVE IT OUT



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We all mess up. The Bible is clear on this, and it's tough to argue that this isn't true. Yet, what holds many of us back, including students, is that we think our actions change the way Jesus sees us. It's as if we believe He will love us less when we mess up. Nothing could be more untrue. Today's story is a powerful reminder that Jesus pursues us even when we don't seek Him. Encourage students with this truth today.

> CHRIST

9 Who in your life needs to be sought out and reminded of Jesus' grace and calling?

10 How can your experience of Jesus' love and forgiveness help someone else find restoration?

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

> COMMUNITY

11 How can Jesus renewing us affect those around us?



12 In what ways can your small group come together to “feed His sheep” by meeting the spiritual and practical needs of people in your community?

> CULTURE

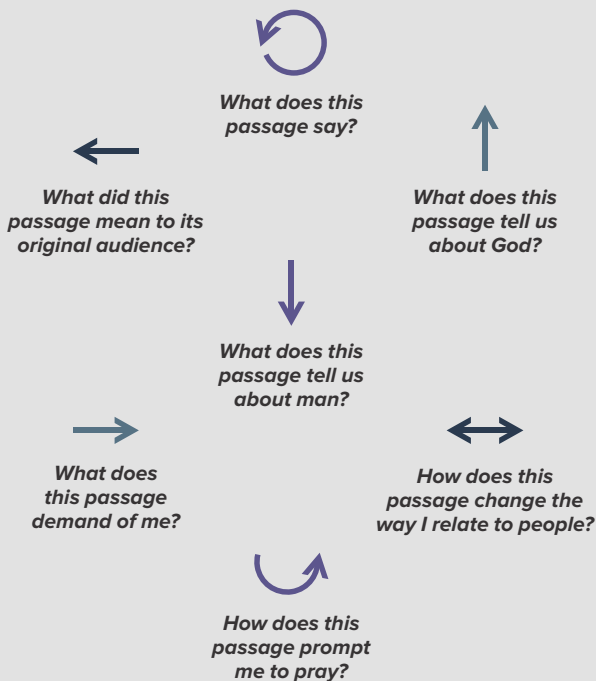
13 The disciples tried to fish all night without Jesus’ help. In a culture that values success and self-reliance, how can we learn to recognize when we need Jesus’ guidance?

14 How can we reflect Jesus’ grace in a culture that is quick to cancel and criticize those who fall short?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One EPHESIANS 2:8-9

Salvation is a gift from God, given by His grace and received through faith. We do not earn salvation by our works. This truth keeps us from getting prideful and reminds us that we can't save ourselves. Our hope rests completely in what Jesus has done for us on the cross, and our faith is how we receive this amazing gift.

Because salvation is by grace alone, we live each day in gratitude, relying on God's strength rather than our own. This frees us from the pressure of trying to earn His love and allows us to serve Him out of joy instead of obligation. Our faith grows as we remember that God's grace is enough for every moment of our lives.

- **How does knowing salvation is a gift from God change the way you view your relationship with Him?**
- **What is one way you can express gratitude for God's grace this week?**

Day Two

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8



God is able to bless beyond what we can ever truly understand, and we can overflow with generosity to others because of that. When we trust in His supply, our faith grows because we see that He gives us everything we need, not just for ourselves, but so we can bless others. This promise encourages us to live with an open hand, confident that God will take care of us as we give.

Living generously reflects the hope we have in Christ and shows others the love and faithfulness of God through our actions. As we give cheerfully and trust God's abundance, we become part of His work in the world, spreading His grace and hope to those in need. Generosity becomes a powerful testimony of our faith in a faithful God.

- **How can trusting God's provision encourage you to be more generous in your giving?**
- **Who can you encourage or bless this week by sharing God's generosity through your actions?**

Day Three

2 TIMOTHY 1:9

God's grace calls us to a holy purpose, not because of anything we've done, but because of His own plan and grace given to us in Christ Jesus. This truth gives us hope and confidence that our lives have meaning and direction rooted in God's eternal plan. Our faith rests on His calling, not our performance.

Understanding God's purpose helps us face challenges with courage because we know He equips us for the journey. Even when we feel weak or unqualified, God's grace empowers us to live out our calling faithfully. This assurance strengthens our hope and motivates us to serve Him with boldness and joy.

- **How does knowing God has called you for a holy purpose change the way you see your daily life?**
- **What is one way you can step out in faith to live out God's calling for you?**

Day Four

ISAIAH 40:31

This Scripture reminds us that those who put their hope and trust in the Lord will find renewed strength. When we feel tired or overwhelmed, God promises to lift us up and help us rise above life's challenges like eagles soaring in the sky. This verse encourages us to rely not on our own power but on God's mighty strength to carry us through difficult times.

Faith in God's promises brings lasting hope and endurance. As we wait patiently on the Lord, our faith grows stronger, and He equips us to persevere with joy and courage. This hope enables us to keep moving forward, trusting that God is always working for our good and His glory.

- **How can you actively place your hope in the Lord when you feel tired or discouraged?**
- **In what ways has God given you strength during difficult seasons? How can you share that with others?**

Day Five

TITUS 2:11-12



This Scripture teaches us that God's grace has come to bring salvation and to teach us how to live godly lives. This grace doesn't just save us—it changes us from the inside out, helping us say no to ungodliness and worldly passions. When we embrace God's grace, our faith grows, and we begin to live in a way that honors Him.

Living with this grace means choosing obedience and self-control every day and trusting that God's power is at work in us. Our hope is rooted in the changes in us He provides. This enables us to reflect Christ's love to a watching world. As we grow, we become witnesses of God's grace, which encourages others to follow Jesus faithfully.

- **How has God's grace helped you grow in living a godly life?**
- **What is one area in your life where you need to rely more on God's grace to overcome temptation?**