

## **“The God of Second Chances”**

(John 21:1-17)

**Big Idea:** Jesus restoration of Peter shows He is the God of second chances.

### **Back to work (1-3)**

*After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. John 21:1-3 ESV*

### **It’s The Lord (4-8)**

*Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He 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. That 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. <sup>8</sup> The 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. John 21:4-8 ESV*

(picture of Peter jumping into water)

### **Breakfast (9-14)**

*When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So 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. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?”*

*They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.*  
John 21:9-14 ESV

### **Restoration (15-19)**

*When 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.” <sup>16</sup> He 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.” <sup>17</sup> He 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; Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. John 21:15-19 ESV*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhoFEuw2GPA>

### Peter's Transformation

Acts 2 (feel free to add some pictures here if you can find them)

Acts 4

Acts 10

I and II Peter

*How have I failed Jesus?*

*How is God doing a miracle in your life?*

### **Testimony**

### **Take Away**

*Put yourself in Peter's sandals. What do you think he may have been thinking/feeling when:*

*He decided to go fishing*

*He recognized that it was Jesus on the beach*

*Jesus restored him to ministry.*

*Think about a time in your life that you failed God. How did you respond? What can you learn from Peter's example?*

*What could it look like for you to be involved in "feeding Jesus sheep? Jesus say to me if I were to have breakfast with Him?*