ONE DAY CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

John 21: 3-17

³¹ On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me... 32 But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." 33 Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you." 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." 35 "No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the other disciples vowed the same.

⁵⁷ Then the people who had arrested Jesus led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of religious law and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest's courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end.

⁶⁹ Peter was still sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him, "You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰ But Peter denied it in front of everyone. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. ⁷¹ Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him and said to those standing around, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. "I don't even know the man," he said. ⁷³ A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent." ⁷⁴ Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know the man!" And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly.

FAILURE DRIVES US BACK TO THE LAST THING WE DID WELL - V. 2-3

John 21

² Several of the disciples were there - Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

GOD ALLOWS US TO FACE OUR FAILURE - V. 3

³ Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

GOD MEETS US AT THE VERY POINT OF OUR FAILURE - V. 4-5

⁴ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was.

⁵ He called out, "Men, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied.

GOD RETURNS US TO HIS PRESENCE V. 6-14

Jesus said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

⁷Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards. When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

GOD RETURNS US TO HIS PRESENCE V. 6-14

¹⁰ "Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn.

12 "Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

13 Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. 14 This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from dead.

GOD RESTORES US TO WHAT HE CALLS AND COMMANDS US TO DO - V. 15-1/7

- ¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?
- "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you."
- "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.
- ¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"
- "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."/
- "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. 17/A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"
- Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."
- Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."