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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

⁴When daybreak came, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus. ⁵“Friends,” Jesus called to them, “you don’t have any fish, do you?” “No,” they answered. ⁶“Cast the net on the right side of the boat,” he told them, “and you’ll find some.” So they did, and they were unable to haul it in because of the large number of fish. ⁷The disciple, the one Jesus loved, said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer clothing around him (for he had taken it off) and plunged into the sea. ⁸Since they were not far from land (about a hundred yards away), the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. ¹⁰“Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus told them. ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed up and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish—153 of them. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²“Come and have breakfast,” Jesus told them. None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are

you?” because they knew it was the Lord.

¹⁵When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said to him, “you know that I love you.” “Feed my lambs,” he told him. ¹⁶A second time he asked him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” he said to him, “you know that I love you.” “Shepherd my sheep,” he told him. ¹⁷He asked him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved that he asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” “Feed my sheep,” Jesus said. ¹⁸“Truly I tell you, when you were younger, you would tie your belt and walk wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you and carry you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. After saying this, he told 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 Jesus pursued His disciples. How does this encourage you?

2 How might Jesus be showing up in your life 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 can we learn about Jesus' forgiveness in this passage?

5 How can you "feed His sheep"?

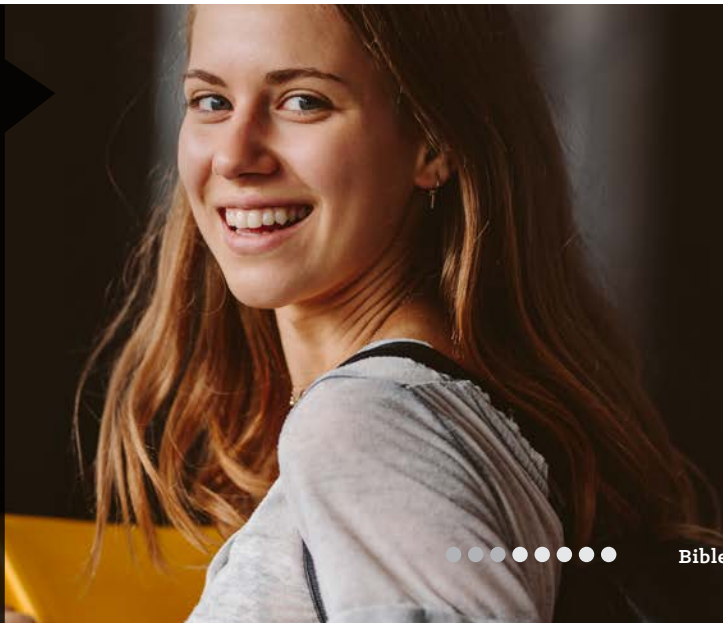
JOHN 19:17b-19

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 would it look like for you to follow Jesus personally 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

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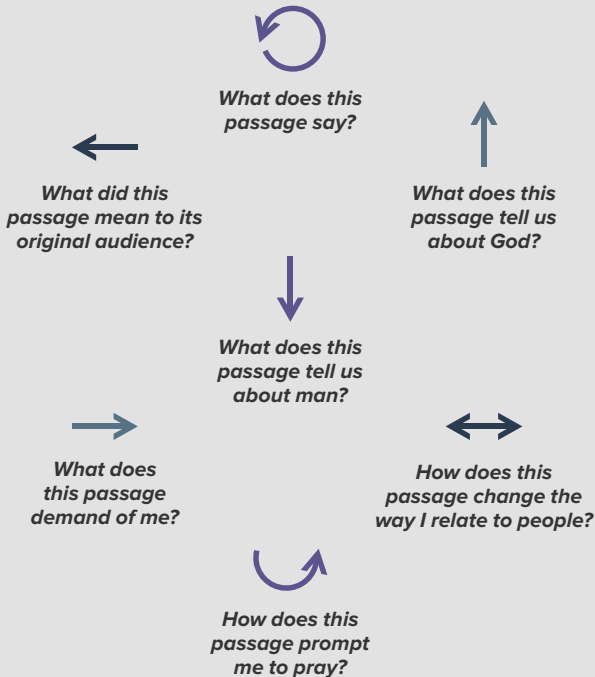
FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

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 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?**