

# The Final Words.

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## Read John 21:1-23.

1. After seeing the risen Jesus twice, Peter goes back to fishing. Why do you think he returned to his former way of life? Have you ever retreated to something familiar after a season of spiritual failure or uncertainty?
2. The disciples fished all night and caught nothing. What might God be showing them through the empty nets? Has there been a time when God used an empty season to redirect you?
3. Jesus replays the miraculous catch of fish from **Luke 5:1-11**, Peter's original calling. Why do you think Jesus chose to repeat this experience? What does it tell us about how God speaks to us?
4. When Peter realizes it's Jesus, he puts on his outer garment and jumps into the water. What does this tell us about Peter's heart toward Jesus, even after his denial?

5. Jesus already had fish and bread cooking when the disciples arrived (**v. 9**), yet he asks them to bring some of their catch (**v. 10**). What does this reveal about how Jesus involves us in his work?

6. Jesus serves breakfast before asking Peter any hard questions. What does this teach us about how God approaches us when we need correction or restoration? How should this shape the way we approach others?

7. Jesus asks Peter "*Do you love me?*" three times, mirroring Peter's three denials. Why is this repetition important for Peter's restoration? What does it reveal about how God deals with guilt and shame?

8. Look at the progression in Peter's three answers, especially his final response: "*Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.*" How is this answer different from the first two? What does it reveal about Peter's growth?

9. Immediately after restoring Peter, Jesus tells him how he will die (**vv. 18-19**) and then says "*Follow me.*" How do grace and cost work together in following Jesus? Consider what Paul says in **Philippians 3:7-11**.

10. Peter's first response after learning his fate is to ask about John: "*Lord, what about him?*" (**v. 21**). Why is comparison so tempting, especially in our faith? How does Jesus' response in **verse 22** challenge you personally?