

JESUS: THE GREATEST LIFE OF ALL
LISTENING TO JESUS BESIDE THE SEA
JOHN 21:1-22



The Heart of the Matter

We can learn a lot about our relationship with God by studying the life of Peter. From his insightful affirmation of Jesus as the Son of God to receiving a sharp rebuke (Matthew 16:13–23), from his risky defense of Jesus in the garden to covering in the courtyard (John 18:10, 17, 25–27), Peter’s journey with Jesus represents a study in contradictions. But, after Jesus’s death and resurrection, a seaside reunion with the risen Lord taught Peter that being a disciple requires one primary qualification: a willingness to follow.



Discovering the Way

1. “Follow Me.” (Selected Scriptures)

A quick review of Jesus’s and the disciples’ lives together helps orient us.

2. “I Am Going Fishing.” (John 21:1–14)

Peter and six other disciples decide to go fishing and then have breakfast with the risen Lord by the sea.

3. “Do You Love Me?” (John 21:15–22)

Jesus’s question reveals Peter’s true nature.



Starting Your Journey

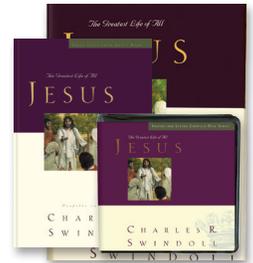
We can learn three lessons from Peter’s encounter with Jesus. First, when the Lord offers an opportunity to change futility into fruitfulness, be open to change. Second, when His plan is to move you into a new and challenging direction, expect a period of deep soul-searching. Third, when He makes it clear that you’re to follow Him into this new direction, focus fully on Him and refuse to be overly concerned about anyone outside that calling.



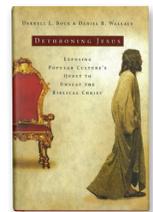
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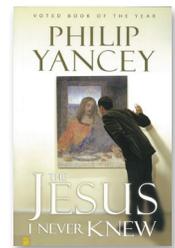
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