

How does having a calling help you come back?

*Thank God today that He has given you a calling and a purpose. Pray that you'll look to Him for your strength and purpose. Pray that your relationship with God will continue to grow and that your faith in His love and mercy will help you come back?*

## Saturday

*Please be sure you know this week's verse and have finished the devotions. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that God will use them to honor God and point people to Him.*



# Lifted Up: Coming Back After a Fall

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## When I fall, I need to remember...

### 1. Jesus still \_\_\_\_\_

Afterward Jesus **appeared again** to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way... "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. *John 21:1-3 (NIV)* (Compare with Luke 5:4-10)

### 2. Jesus still \_\_\_\_\_

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then **the disciple whom Jesus loved** said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" *John 21:4-7a*

Do I see myself as \_\_\_\_\_ ?

"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love." *John 15:9 (NASB)*

### 3. Jesus still \_\_\_\_\_

As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish... When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. *John 21:7b-9*

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." *John 21:10-12a*

### 4. Jesus still \_\_\_\_\_

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." *John 21:15*

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." *John 21:16*

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." *John 21:17*

# Daily Meditations

Questions to consider throughout the week.

## Monday

Look back over the notes from the sermon. In what way do you feel like you're coming back from a fall?

How did studying this story in Peter's life encourage you?

Please read 1 Peter 1:3-9. How do you see the impact of the resurrection and restoration in Peter's life?

How does this passage encourage you today?

*Thank God today that He never gives up on you! Thank Him for His mercy and His love. Ask Him to help you trust in His love – particularly in the area you feel like you've fallen.*

## Tuesday

Please read Luke 5:4-10 & John 21:1-3. What similarities do you see between Peter's calling and his restoration?

How do you think Jesus' pursuit of Peter helped him come back after his fall?

In what way have you seen or felt Jesus pursue you?

How does knowing that Jesus will always pursue you give you hope?

*Thank God today that He pursues you. Thank Him for His love and forgiveness. Ask Him for a soft heart to sense his leading and pursuit of you. Pray that you'll have hope today.*

## Wednesday

Please read John 15:9, 21:4-7, 1 John 3:1 & 18-20. How does John describe the love of God?

Write down three ways the love of God changes you:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Do you see yourself as someone who is loved by God? If not, what is clouding your view?

When you think about the ways you have fallen, how can God's love help you come back?

*Thank God today that His love is not dependent on our thoughts, actions or even returning His love. Ask Him to clear the eyes of your heart so that you can see His love clearly. Pray that you'll learn to trust Him and His love more and more each day.*

## Thursday

Please read John 21:7-12. What's the best welcome you've ever received? How did that make you feel?

What does Peter's response to Jesus in this passage tell you about their relationship?

What do Jesus' actions tell you about His love for the disciples?

Why do you think feeling welcomed helps you come back from a fall?

Who in your life needs to be welcomed back?

*Thank God today that He welcomes you to come to Him anytime. Pray first that you'll know and rely on God's welcoming redemption. Then pray for the person in your life who needs to feel God's "welcome home". Pray that God will use you to reflect God's love to them.*

## Friday

Please read John 1:40-42 & 21:15-17. What connections do you see between these two passages?

What did Jesus call Peter to do when he restored him?

Put yourself in Peter's shoes. How would you feel to have Jesus still call you knowing that days earlier you had denied you even knew him?

How have you seen Jesus use you even though you have fallen?



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*John 15:9 (NIV)*

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