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“Lord, who is going to betray you?”<sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he asked, “**Lord, what about him?**”

John 21:22 Jesus answered, “**If I want** him to remain alive until I return, **what is that to you?** You must **follow me.**”

■ “If I want...” ■

“...what is that to you?”

■ There are two lessons here: ■

1. Some of our sin is so embedded in us that it just “jumps out” of us without any conscious effort.
2. Knowledge, though helpful, is clearly not enough to change our hearts.

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Luke 9:23 *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and **follow me.***

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## Grace #2

John 21

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### Grace in action and attitude

■ John 21:4 *Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”* ■

John 21:6 *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.*

■ John 21:7 *Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” 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. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.* ■

#### 1. The redemptive meal.

■ John 21:9 *When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.* ■

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What's "missing" from Jesus? We imagine His:

- Eye roll
- "Tsk"
- Sigh
- Downward eyes
- "Lecture"

How does Jesus actually relate to them?

- He initiates movement toward them
- He initiates meaningful conversation
- He initiates a meal

## 2. The redemptive conversation:

### • Pride

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

*Mark 14:29 Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."<sup>30</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."<sup>31</sup> But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.*

*James 3:16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

*2 Corinthians 10:12 We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.*

### • Love and ministry

"Agape" - Sacrificial love

"Phileo - Brotherly love

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

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

*John 21:17 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."*

## 3. The redemptive road: following Jesus

*John 21:18 "Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."<sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"*

*John 21:20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said,*