# RUNOVER BY THE GRACETRAIN GRACE FOR BREAKFAST

1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.

8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. 9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. '10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

#### The Point

When Jesus says "Follow Me" He isn't offering a 2nd chance at life. He is offering a new life, His life.



## You Are Not Good Enough

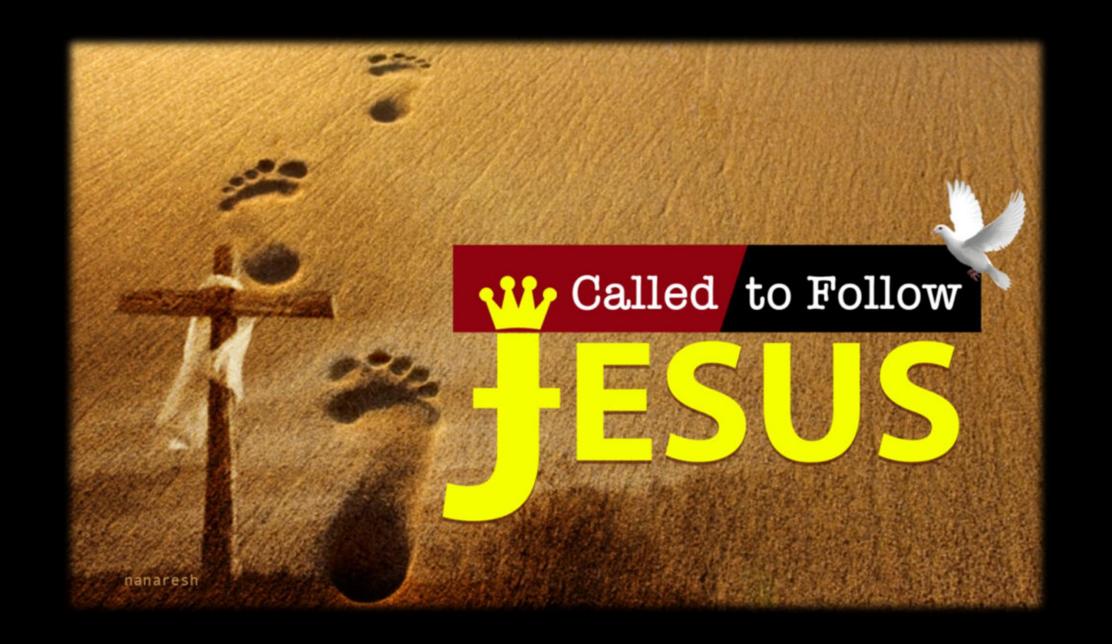
- No matter how hard we try, we can't earn God's grace through our deeds alone
- Peter, despite his zeal, fell short multiple times, showing that even the best of us aren't immune to failure
- Rather than abandoning Peter, Jesus invited him to breakfast, symbolizing grace & restoration
- Jesus' acceptance of Peter demonstrates that past mistakes don't have the final say in our lives

## You Are Not Good Enough

- The story reminds us that there is more grace in Jesus than sin in us
- We are loved not because of our perfection but because of His grace
- Failure brings us to the end of ourselves & opens us to God's transformative power
- Jesus isn't interested in "canceling" people for their mistakes but in restoring them

# You Are Not Good Enough

- Jesus' forgiveness liberates us from our past
- Jesus didn't offer Peter a "do-over" but a new life through following Him



#### Called to Follow Jesus

- Jesus calls each of us uniquely, just as He called Peter on the shore
- Peter left his old life as a fisherman to pursue his calling
- When the disciples followed Jesus' instruction to cast their nets, they experienced abundance
- Jesus transforms ordinary people into disciples with an extraordinary purpose

#### Called to Follow Jesus

- Each step of obedience strengthens our walk with Jesus
- Jesus doesn't promise ease but assures His presence
- Peter's journey led him to sacrifice & ultimately, to martyrdom
- Peter wasn't merely a fisherman; Jesus made him a "fisher of men"
- Our journey with Jesus involves taking up our cross daily

#### Called to Follow Jesus

 Jesus doesn't just offer a one-time transformation; He invites us into a lifelong journey



# Love Changes Everything

- Peter's denial of Jesus was redeemed by Jesus' love & forgiveness
- Jesus' question to Peter—"Do you love me?"—called
  Peter to a life of service
- Jesus' grace extended through love enables restoration & healing
- Peter's encounter with Jesus' love removed his shame and renewed his courage

# Love Changes Everything

- Jesus instructed Peter to "Feed my sheep," emphasizing care for others
- Our love for Jesus should manifest in tangible service to others
- Peter's love for Jesus led to his transformation from a fearful follower to a bold leader
- Jesus didn't require Peter to prove himself; He asked for Peter's heart

# Love Changes Everything

- Jesus' treatment of Peter teaches us to forgive as we are forgiven
- Our walk with Jesus is rooted in His love for us & our love for Him

# **Practical Applications**

- Embrace grace by accepting God's forgiveness & letting go of past failures
- Practice obedience in daily life, trusting God's instructions even when they don't make sense
- Extend forgiveness to others, as Jesus forgave Peter
- Reflect on your identity in Christ, leaving behind what no longer defines you
- Serve others as a reflection of your love for Jesus

# **Practical Applications**

- Cultivate a humble heart, recognizing that we all fall short but are still invited to follow
- Prioritize time with Jesus, like Peter's breakfast encounter, to refresh & realign your focus
- Trust that God's love is bigger than any of our mistakes or failures
- Actively seek ways to reflect Jesus' love, patience & kindness to others

### **Discussion Questions**

- How do you relate to Peter's experience of failure & restoration?
- What does Jesus' invitation to "follow me" mean to you personally?
- How has God's grace in your life changed the way you see yourself & others?
- In what ways can we live out Jesus' command to "feed His sheep" in our daily lives?

### **Discussion Questions**

- How can we better embrace the idea that we are not defined by our past but by God's grace?
- How does Jesus' love inspire you to serve others, even in challenging circumstances?

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