



Day 4 Training: Breakfast on the Beach - John 21:12-19 (CEB)

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21 Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus^[a]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. ³Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

⁵Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

⁶He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

⁹When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." ¹¹Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” ¹⁷ He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹ He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

Reflect: Everyone loves a good finish, right? We love a last second buzzer beater in basketball or how about a movie whose ending has us talking for days about it. Or, how about the feeling we get as we finish our exercise routine? Today as we wrap up our week of VBC we’ll see that being a Superhero and following Jesus really doesn’t have a finish line. There is always more to do. In today’s story Peter feels finished, just a few days ago he messed up big time! Thinking his relationship with Jesus is over, he heads back to the boat to fish. But Jesus returns offering Peter forgiveness then tells him there is more work to be done and after all that cooks him breakfast! As superheroes following Jesus we’ll leave camp today ready to go onward and ready to be super and follow Jesus every day and when we mess up; we’ll know Jesus is there offering forgiveness and maybe a nice breakfast! (

Pray: Dear God, our words have power. We saw the power of words in today’s Bible story when Peter walked on the water. May we use words that encourage and build others up so that they can do great things and be Superheroes just like you and me. In Jesus Name! Amen.

Take Action:

Invite a friend to attend one of the Church of the Resurrections five locations with you or watch online together. You could even make an invitation to give to them! Click here for more information: www.cor.org

Cool Thing to Do:

After reading the Bible Story play a game of cereal tic-tac-toe. Divide into two teams. Ask your kids the following questions. If they get the answer right, they get to place their cereal piece on the tic-tac-toe board. The goal is to get 3 in a row.

Questions:

1. What meal did Jesus make for the disciples? (Breakfast)
2. Who said to Jesus: “Who are you?” (No one)
3. What was on the breakfast menu? (Bread and Fish)
4. How many times had the disciples seen Jesus since Jesus came back to life? (3)

5. Which disciple did Jesus pull aside to chat talk with? (Simon Peter)
6. What did Jesus ask Simon to feed? (Lambs)
7. What question did Jesus keep asking Peter? (Do you love me)
8. How many times did Jesus ask Peter this? (3)
9. Why did Jesus ask Peter this question 3 times? (Because Peter denied Jesus 3 times)
10. What book of the Bible is this story from? (John)
11. What was the last thing Jesus said to Peter? (Follow Me)
12. Why was Peter fishing in the first place? (He had denied Jesus so thought he was done being a follower of Jesus.)
13. What does the "O" in Hero stand for? (Onward)
14. When do we stop being a superhero/disciple of Jesus? (Never)
15. What does the "H" in Hero stand for? (Helper)
16. What does the "E" in Hero stand for? (Encourager)
17. What does the "R" in Hero stand for? (Responder)

If your games are not complete after using these questions finish up the game by asking any other questions you can think of. Once the game is over say.... Peter was upset, he had denied Jesus 3 times and probably thought his time was up on being a disciple of Jesus. But Jesus shows up, brings breakfast and forgiveness to Peter and tells him to follow me. That's the thing about following Jesus it never stops. Superheroes for Jesus keep going onward. And even when we mess up Jesus will forgive us and tell us to follow him. A Superhero never really gets time off and the same is true for a follower of Jesus. Wherever you are it's always a good time to follow Jesus.

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14"