

# Message Outline – “Following Jesus”

## I. \_\_\_\_\_ Jn 21:18-19

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1 Peter 4:16 (NASB) <sup>16</sup> but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

2 Peter 1:13-14 (NASB) <sup>13</sup> I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup> knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

Luke 9:23-25 (NASB) <sup>23</sup> And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. <sup>24</sup> “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. <sup>25</sup> “For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?

# Message Outline (continued)

Elizabeth Elliot – “So let us carry the cross every day, not in the sense of something we hate but in the sense of something which God is asking us to do and which we therefore determine to do joyfully.”

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John 21:20-23 (ESV)

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<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?”

<sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

<sup>23</sup> So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

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## IV. \_\_\_\_\_ Jn 21:22

John 21:22 (ESV) <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NASB) <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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1 Peter 2:21-25 (NASB) <sup>21</sup> For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, <sup>22</sup> WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; <sup>23</sup> and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; <sup>24</sup> and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

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1 Peter 1:3-6 (NASB) <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

<sup>4</sup> to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

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1 Peter 1:7-10 (NASB) <sup>7</sup> so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

<sup>8</sup> and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. <sup>10</sup> As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries

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1 Peter 1:11-13 (NASB) <sup>11</sup> seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.



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# Following Jesus

John 21:18-25 (ESV)



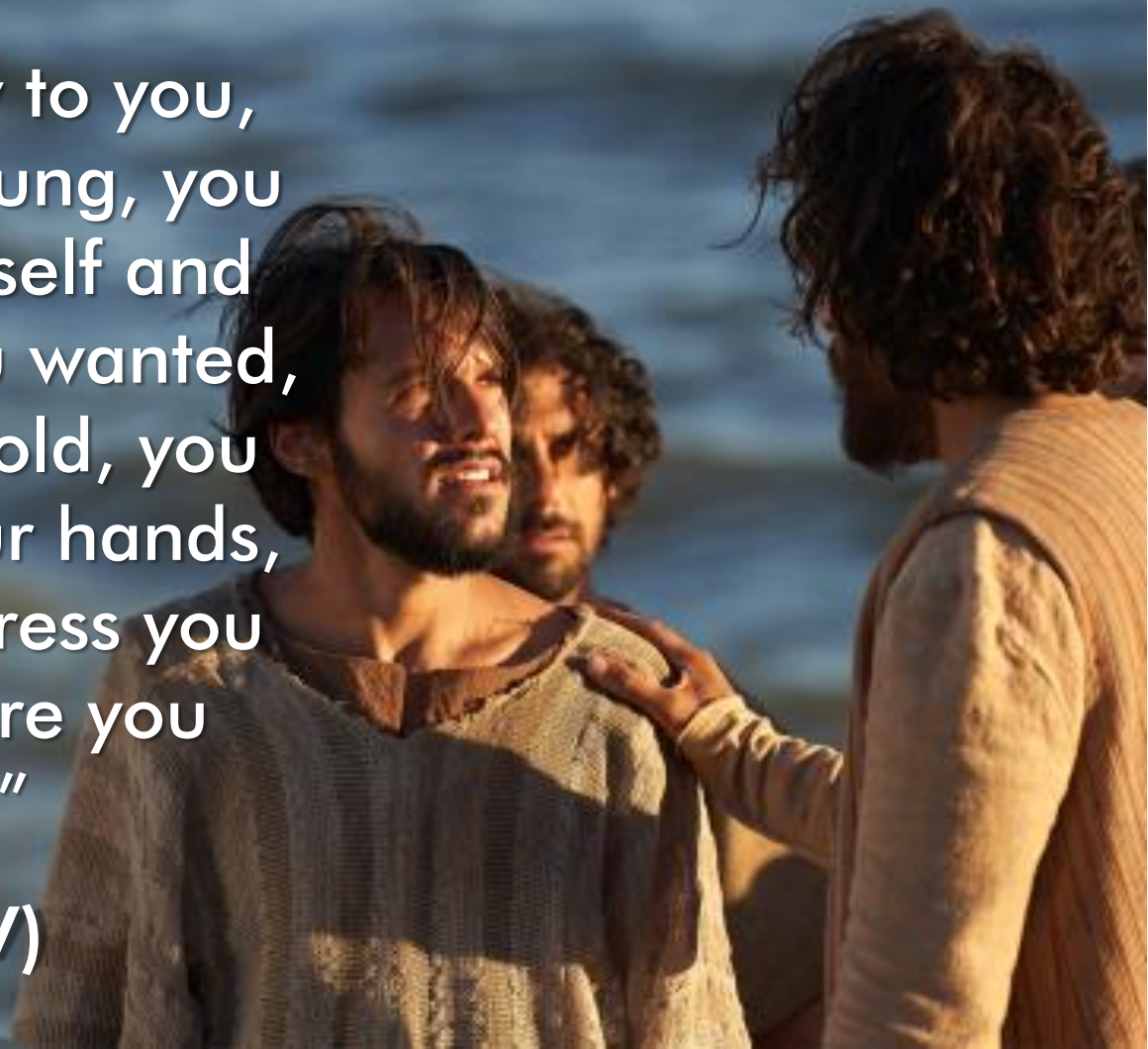
**I. Death**

**Jn 21:18-19**



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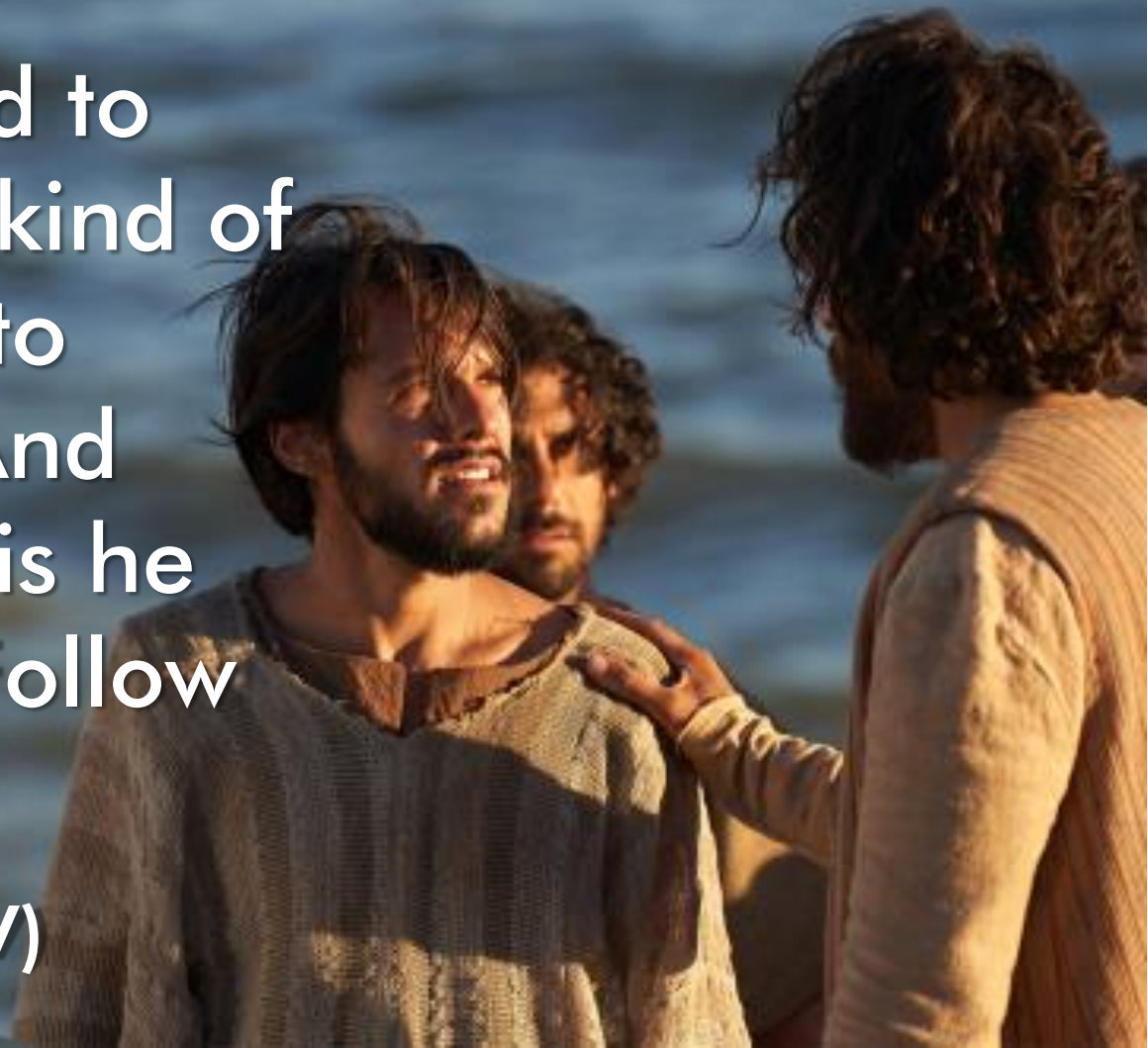
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# Anne Graham Lotz

(1948 - )

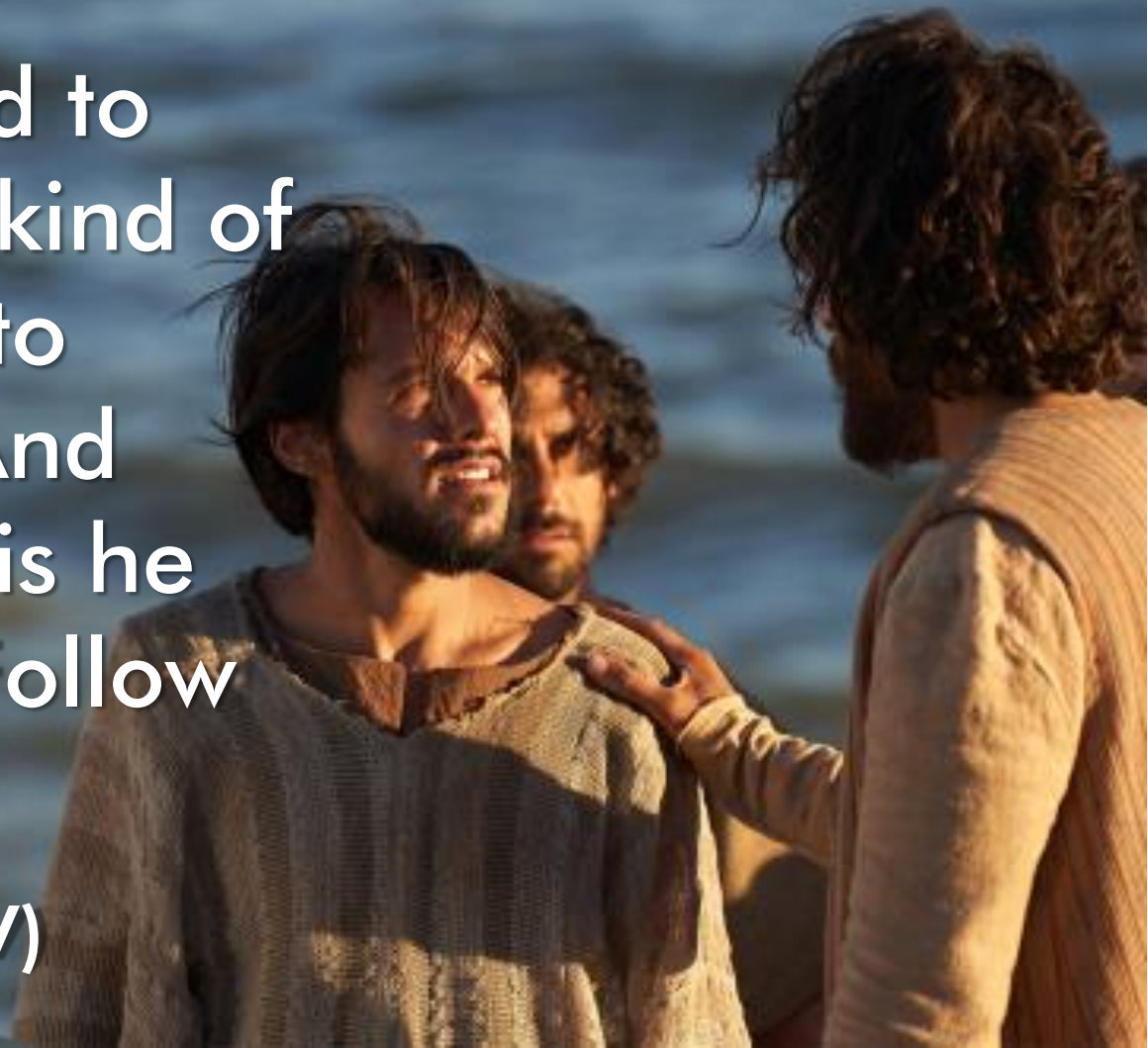
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  - II. Discipleship Jn 21:19



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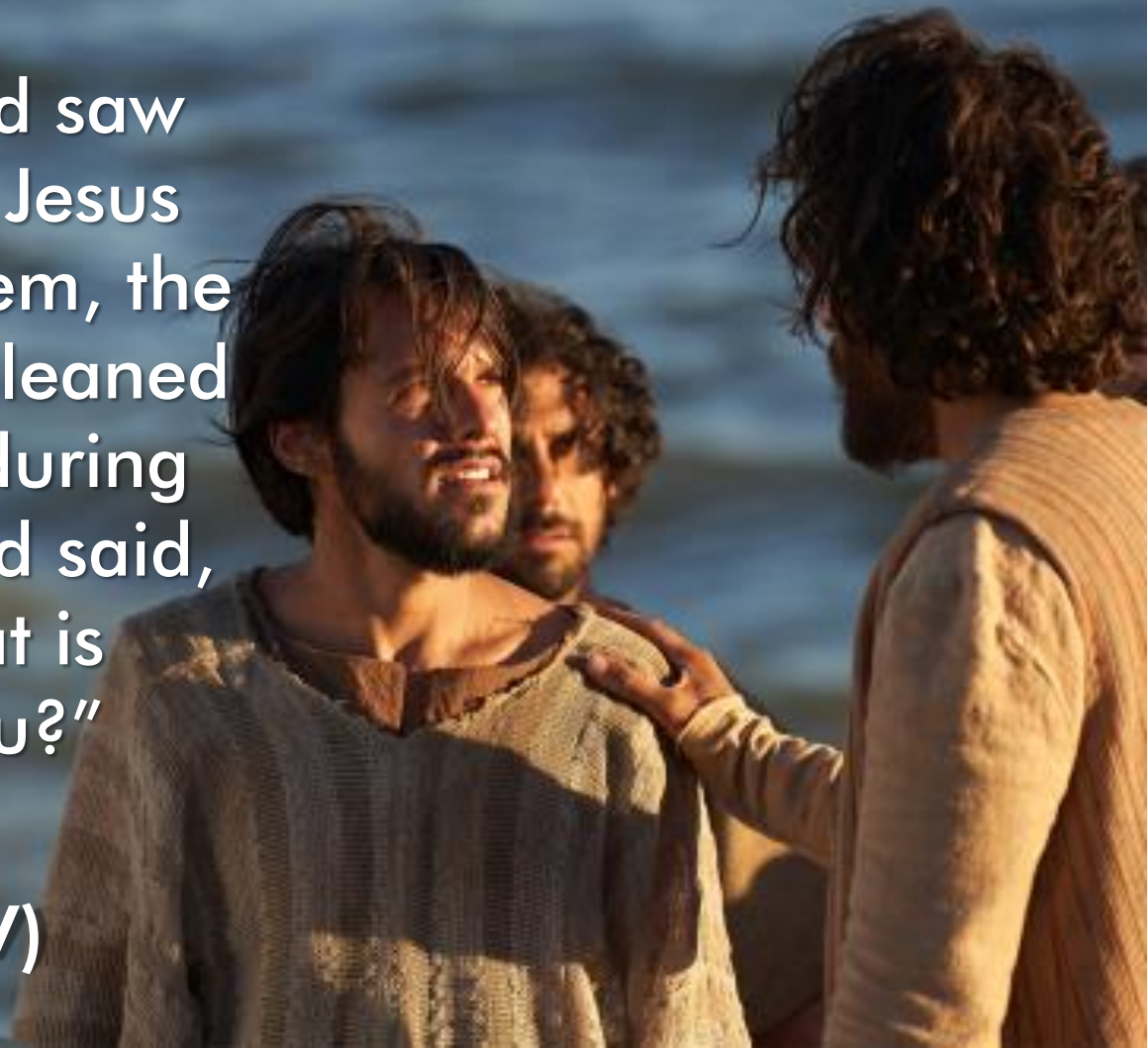
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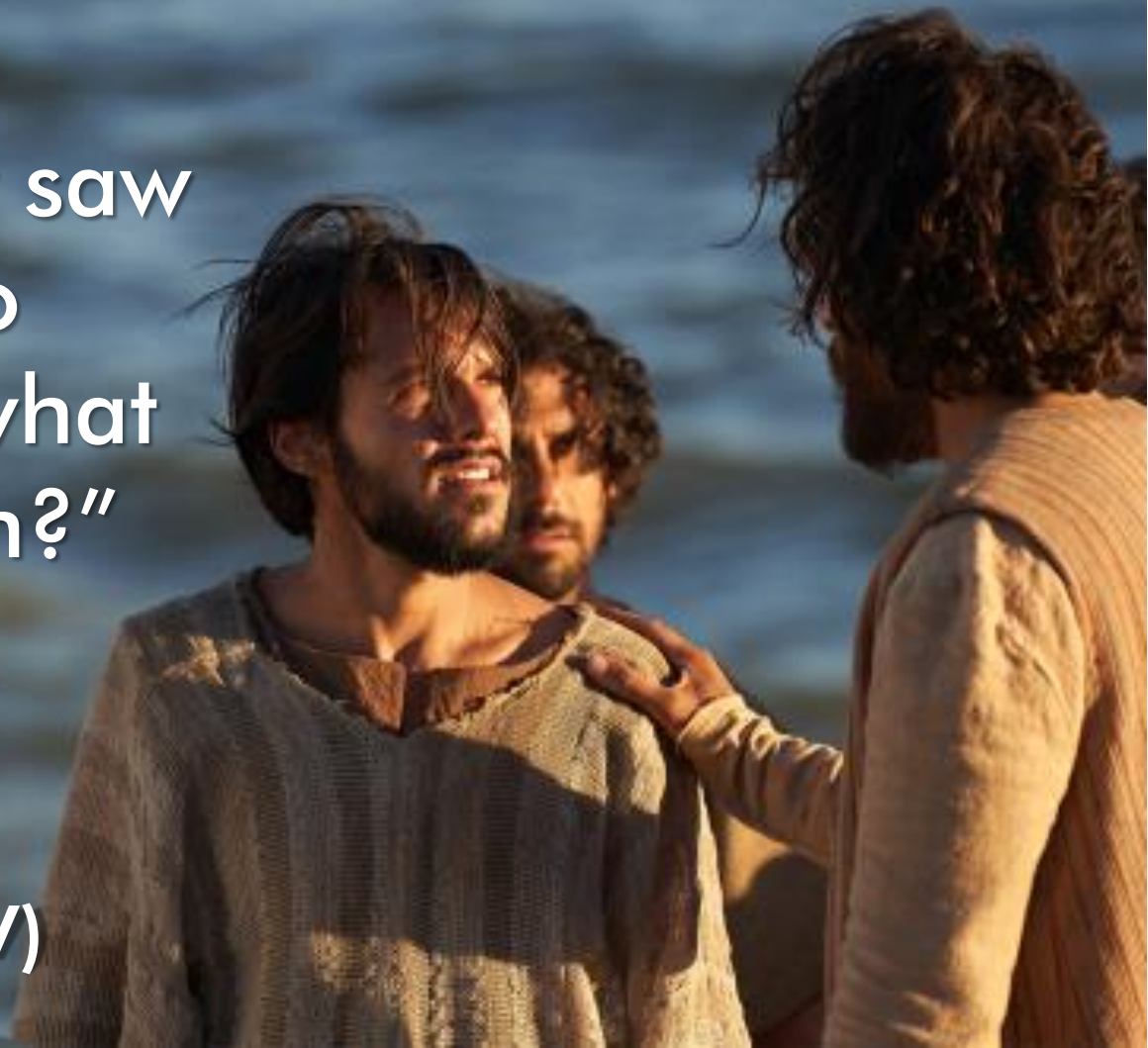
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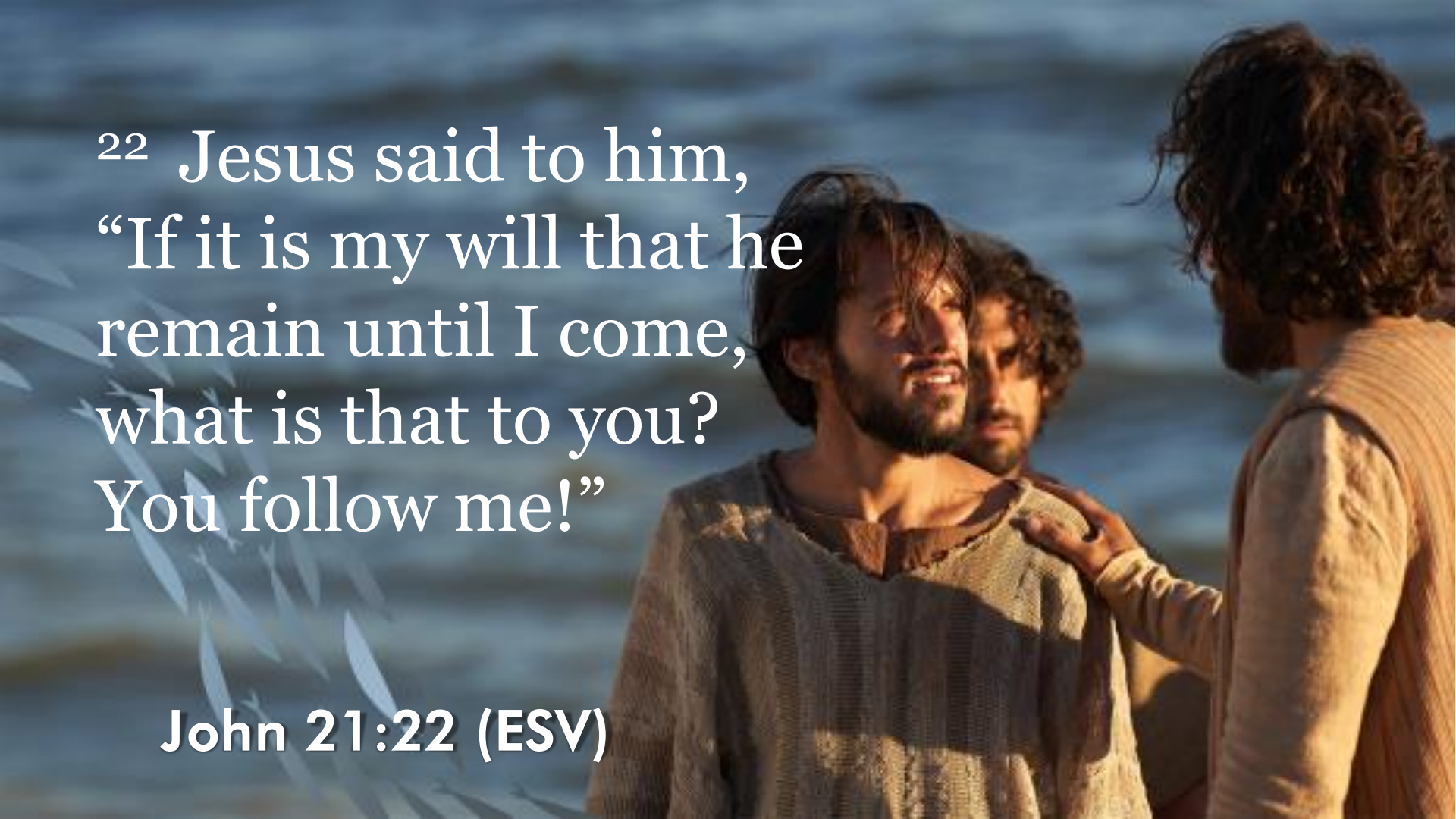




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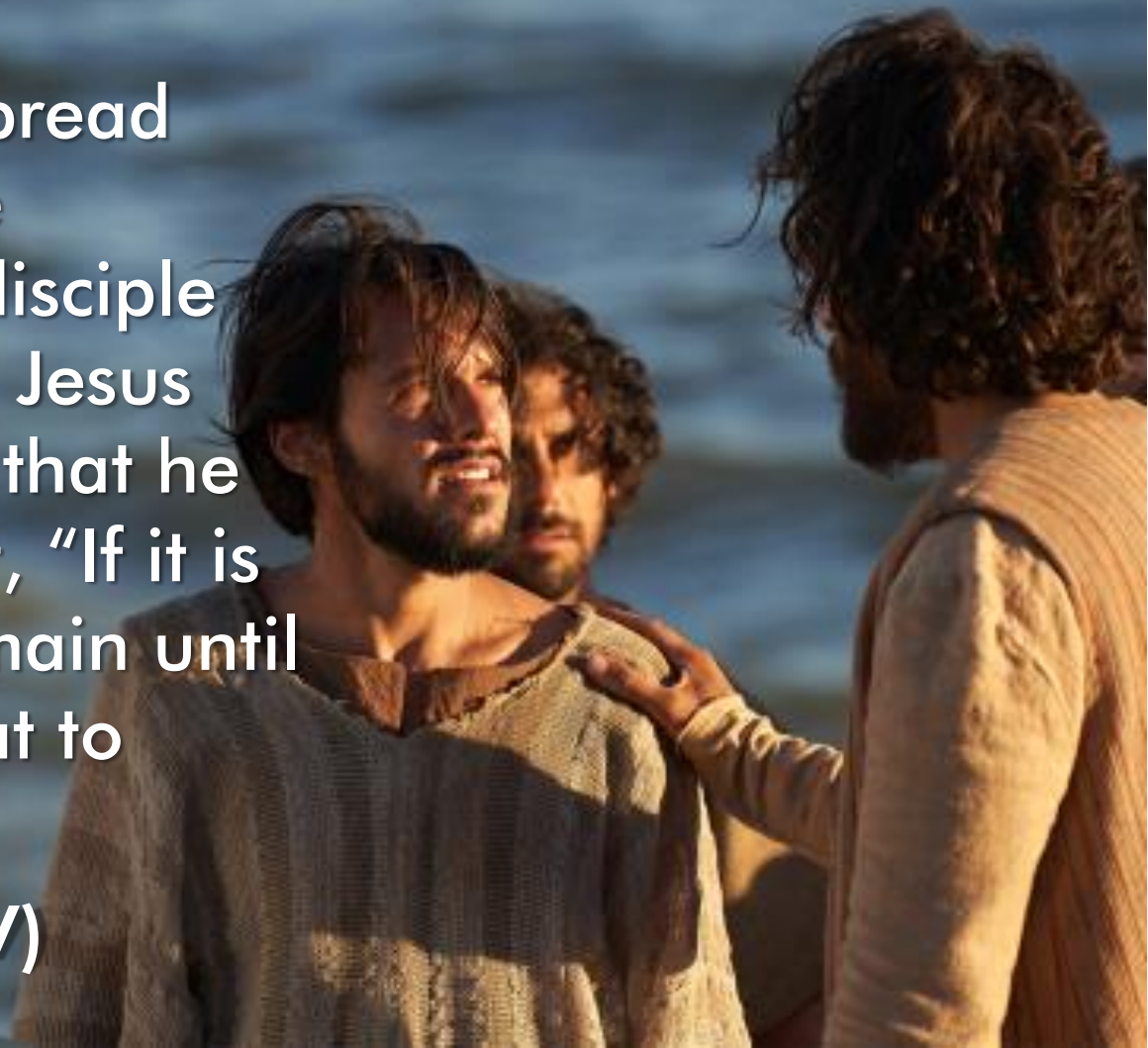


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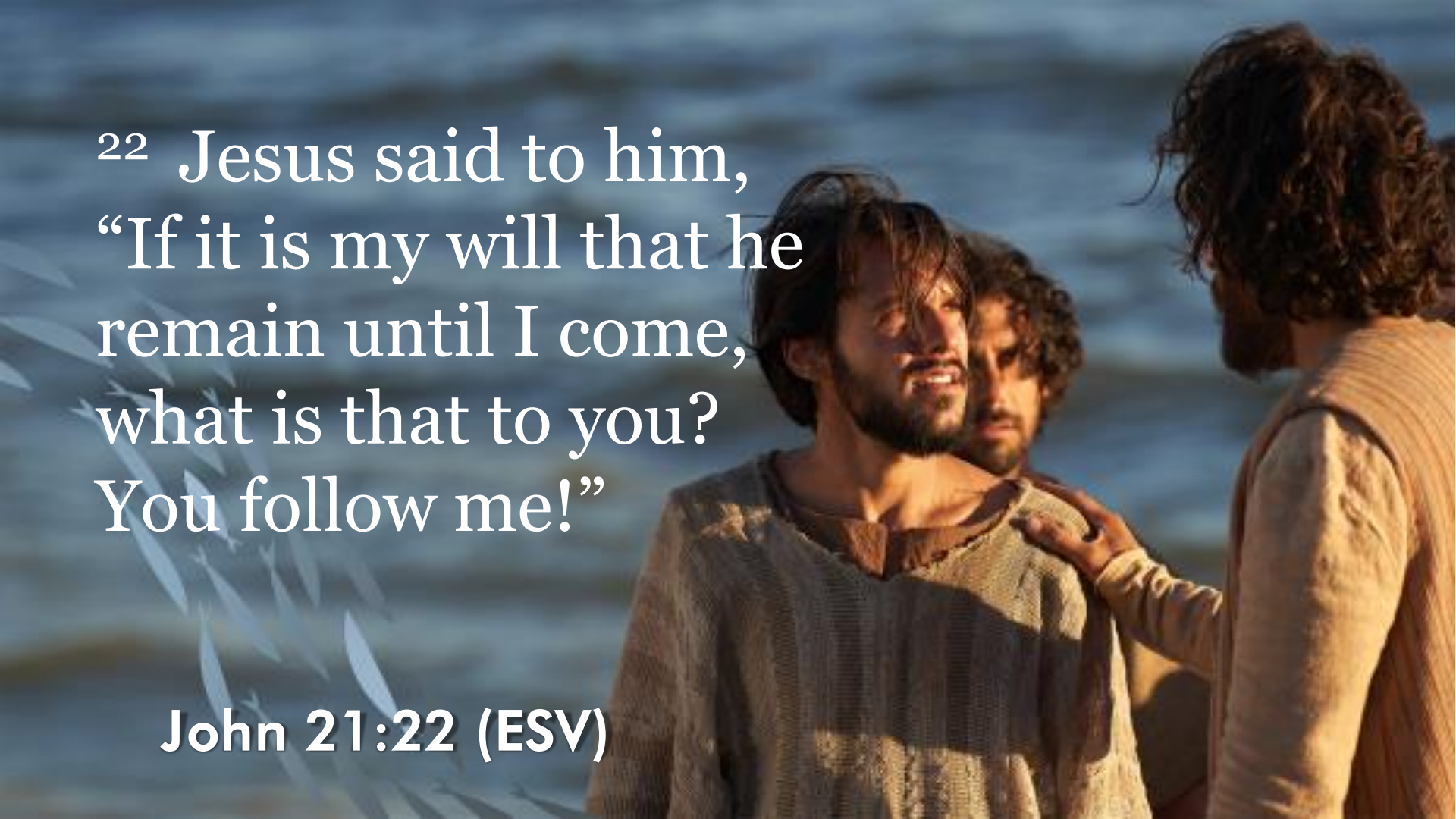
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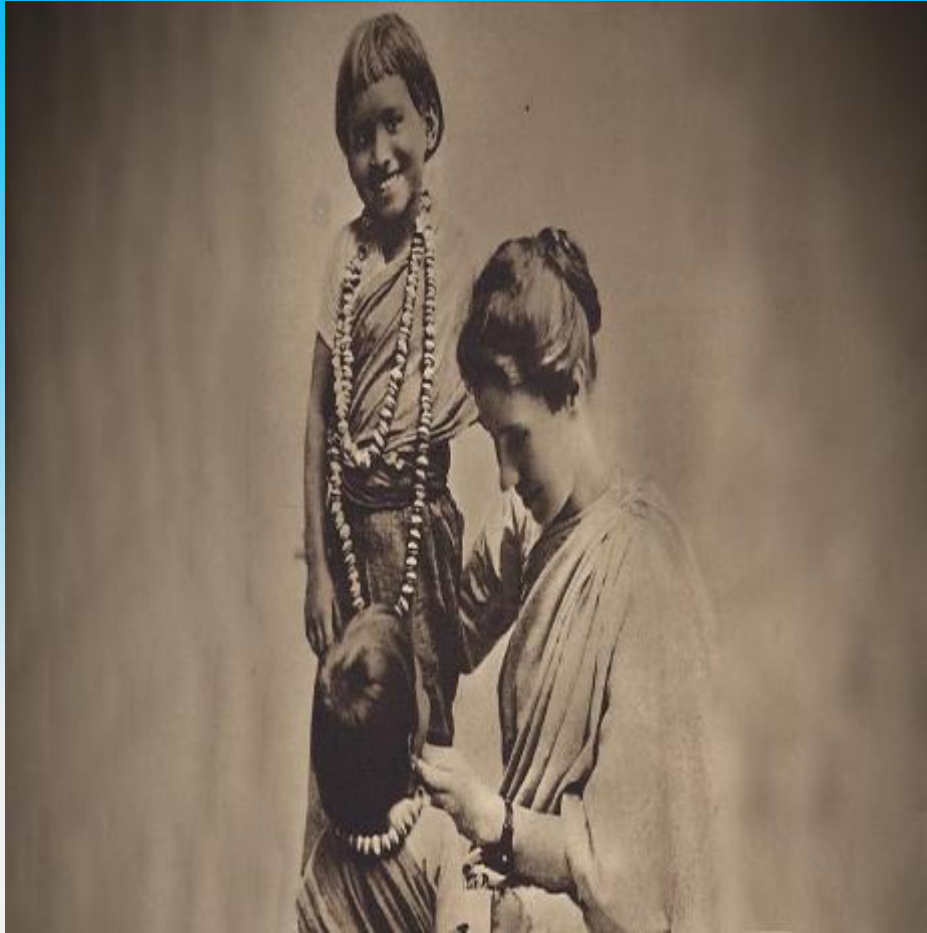
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- I. Death Jn 21:18,19
  - II. Discipleship Jn 21:19
  - III. Distinction Jn 21:20-23
  - IV. Devotion Jn 21:22



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**John 21:22 (ESV)**





# Amy Carmichael

(1867 – 1951)

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# Questions

1. Why do you think that Jesus chooses this particular occasion to predict the kind of death Peter would die (Jn 21:18-19)?
2. What about the cross from Luke 9:23-25 challenges you about your own life of self-denial and your own self-will?

Luke 9:23-25 (NASB) 23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. 24 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. 25 "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?

## Questions (continued)

3. Do you think about your last days on earth? How does living a life of obedience to the will of God daily help us prepare for our own last days?
4. What does Jesus' rebuke to Peter (John 21:22) reveal about the danger of comparing ourselves with other Christians?
5. When have you compared yourself with someone else and wondered why his or her life was the way it was? How did that affect your desire to do what you were supposed to do?
6. Why does Jesus deny Peter the information he's looking for?

## Questions (continued)

7. What misunderstanding does John seek to clear up by including this conversation about his own fate here (Jn 21:23)? What difference would it possibly make in the hearts of Christians if John died and Jesus did not come back?
8. Explain in your own words the related essential qualification for Peter's job (Jn 21:19,22)?
9. Picture Jesus saying this to you: "You must follow Me." How would you respond, or what would the words mean in the context of your life?

# Questions (continued)

10. Think about what devotion and love for Jesus looks like in your life. Describe what “fixing your eyes on Jesus” means to you daily? In what ways can your life become a living expression of the love of God for the world?

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NASB) 1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

11. If you were writing a book about Jesus’ work in your life, what would be some of the chapter titles (Jn 21:24-25)?