

DAY 1:

PETER'S FORGIVENESS

TODAY'S KEY VERSE FOCUS:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." - **1 Peter 1:3**.

Read **John 18:17-18** and write in your own words what happens.

Next, read **John 21:6-9** and **21:15-17**. What happens in these verses?

You will find two different fires talked about in these verses. What verses from our reading talk about fires?



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TODAY'S DEVOTION:

Today's devotion should get you **FIRED UP** by the hope we have in Jesus! In **Chapter 18** we see Peter deny his love of Jesus to the servant girl, and this was just one of the three times he denied Jesus. A lot happens in-between our reading in **Chapter 18** and **Chapter 21**. Jesus is arrested, crucified, buried, and has risen from the dead. Jesus' disciples had been through a really hard time. They watched their friend Jesus be arrested, tortured, and die on the cross. They were also afraid of their own safety. Peter was especially sad because he had denied his love and devotion to Jesus three times.

When we pick up in **Chapter 21**, Peter, James, John, and a handful of other disciples were having a really bad day. They were on their fishing boat, tired, hungry, and hadn't caught any fish all night. It must have felt like everything was going wrong, **BUT JESUS** made it right. He had risen from the dead! He surprised His disciples in their home in the previous passage and they were so happy to see him.

In this chapter, Jesus went to the beach where they were fishing. Jesus knew that His disciples were tired and hungry. He told them to throw their nets to the other side of the boat. The disciples did as Jesus said and they caught so many fish that they almost couldn't even pull in their nets! Jesus called to His friends to come to the shore. He had cooked breakfast for them! Jesus, Savior of the World, who had just been denied by his closest friends, and then beaten, crucified, and buried, chose to love His friends selflessly by helping them fish and making them breakfast as one of His first acts after His resurrection.

When they were finished with breakfast, Jesus had a sweet and important conversation with Peter. Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him (one time for each of the times Peter had denied Jesus). This gave Peter a chance to rectify (heal) his relationship with Jesus, and showed Peter that Jesus forgave him and loves him unconditionally.

In **1 Peter 1:3**, when Peter writes, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," we can know that Peter was writing as someone who not only witnessed Jesus' death and resurrection, but as Jesus' friend who had felt the tender forgiveness and love of Jesus.

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TODAY'S APPLICATION:

What is the "Living Hope" Peter is talking about in **1 Peter 1:3**?

What does this mean for you?

What can you learn from Peter's relationship with Jesus?

Prayer: Thank God for allowing Jesus to come to this world to live, die, and be resurrected. Thank Him for making a way for us to have forgiveness of our sins through a relationship with Jesus. Is there something you need to confess to God and ask for His forgiveness?

