

**"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan****JOHN 21****John 21**

The chapter opens with Jesus meeting the disciples in the Galilee. The disciples were there at the request of the Lord Jesus, as He had instructed them to meet Him in a designated place. It was on that mountain where they met that Jesus gave to them what is called by modern-day believers the **Great Commission**.

The disciples were doing what they knew to do in fishing until the Lord met with them and gave them next steps. It is interesting that many Bible teachers are quick to castigate Peter and the disciples for "going fishing" and going back to what they did when Jesus first called them. It would be good for those teachers and any of you to rethink the situation altogether. Jesus just told them to go to the Galilee and wait for Him there. What were they supposed to do until He met them? Sit and wait? That is not the pattern of Biblical waiting!

Biblical waiting is "active waiting" and doing what we already know to do until God gives us further instructions. The Lord often makes promises that are not immediately fulfilled. That does not mean He is unfaithful in His promise; rather, it has to do with timing. Knowing God's will is not just knowing what to do but also when and how to do that. Timing is critical.

Until God gives us specific direction, we should all do what we already know to do and walk in obedience to the light we already have.

Please allow me to share a word that has been very helpful to me over the decades. Never doubt in the fog, mist, or darkness what God has shown you in bright light. Keep walking. Keep praying. Keep seeking His way. The Psalmist said, "**Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**" (Psalm 119:105). The lamp the Psalmist had in view was not a "Coleman lantern or flashlight." Rather, it was a clay lamp that could be held or carried in hand. I have many such lamps that date back to the time of King David, 3000 years old. The largest and brightest of those lamps only shine with enough light to see to take "one step at a time." When you move forward and take one step, you then have the path illuminated to see to take another step. Walk in the light that you have, not for the light you wish you had. The disciples were doing what they knew to do until the Lord gave them light for the next step. Jesus did not rebuke them for fishing. In fact, He helped them to have a great catch and reminded them of an earlier time in their walk with Him when just simply obeying a simple command brought a "net-breaking catch."

**Prayer and Action Steps**

*Lord, thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible. May I read it, heed it, and walk in the light You give me. Please forgive me when I have asked for more light without first obeying what You have already spoken about in my life. Thank You for a fresh start to walk in the light I have and obey what I already know to do. Amen*