

John 21:1-5 (NKJV) ¹ After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself*: 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 are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. ⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "**Children, have you any food?**" They answered Him, "No."

Mark 14:27–28 (NKJV) ²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "**All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered.'**" ²⁸ "**But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.**"

Mark 16:6–7 (NKJV) ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

Jesus comes to them. Just like He will you. Jesus will pursue you.

Luke 5:10 (NKJV) . . . "**Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.**"

The only looking back we see in God's Word is when one looks back to remind himself of God's past faithfulness, God's past victories.

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John 21:6 (NKJV) And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

John 21:7-8 (NKJV) ⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.

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John 21:9-14 (NKJV) ⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring *some of the fish which you have just caught*." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come *and eat breakfast*." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"--knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. ¹⁴ This *is* now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

John 20:21-22 (NLT) ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.**" ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Hope looks beyond circumstances.

Hope looks forward.

Hope looks upward.

Romans 15:13 (NIV) May the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.