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Regret's Cure

John 21:1-23 ¹Later, by the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus again revealed Himself to the disciples. He made Himself known in this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³Simon Peter told them, "I am going fishing." "We will go with you," they said. So they went out and got into the boat, but caught nothing that night. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not recognize that it was Jesus. ⁵So He called out to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶He told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it there, and they were unable to haul it in because of the great number of fish. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it) and jumped into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came ashore in the boat. They dragged in the net full of fish, for they were not far from land, only about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus told them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many, the net was not torn. ¹²"Come, have breakfast," Jesus said to them. None of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are You?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and He did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he answered, "You know I love You." Jesus replied, "Feed My lambs." ¹⁶Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" "Yes, Lord," he answered, "You know I love You." Jesus told him, "Shepherd My sheep." ¹⁷Jesus asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was deeply hurt that Jesus had asked him a third time, "Do you love Me?" "Lord, You know all things," he replied. "You know I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And after He had said this, He told him, "Follow Me." ²⁰Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. He was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper to ask, "Lord, who is going to betray You?" ²¹When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" ²²Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you? You follow Me!" ²³Because of this, the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. However,

Jesus did not say that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you?” (BSB)

What is Regret?

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. We see the disciples **going back** to their old occupation to provide for their needs. V. 1-3
- B. After a whole night of not catching a single fish, Jesus **appears**. V.4
- C. Jesus calls them “children” and **instructs** them to where the fish are. V.5-6
- D. John **realizes** that the man on the shore is Jesus. V.7
- E. Peter immediately **jumps** into the water and swam to Jesus. V.7
- F. Peter pulled the net in and there were 153 **large fish** in it. V. 11
- G. Jesus **served** them breakfast. V. 9,12
- H. The breakfast had a **familiar tone** to it. V.13
- I. This was the **third time** that Jesus had appeared to Peter and the other Disciples. V.14
- J. Jesus **questioned** Peter three times about Peter’s devotion to Him. V.15-17
- K. Three times Peter **affirmed** his love for Jesus. V.15-17
- L. Three times Jesus restated Peter’s **call** to tend to the flock of Jesus. V.15-17
- M. Jesus then **predicts** Peter’s future. V.18-19
- N. Jesus then dealt with Peter’s tendency to **compare** himself to others. V.20-23

II. What can we take away from this lesson?

- A. We all tend to prefer the **familiar**.
- B. Our fleshly solutions to spiritual pain tend to lead to **futility**.
- C. It is hard to trust our heavenly Father, but it is the **best way** to go.
- D. God eventually leaves it up to us to take a **step of faith** His way.
- E. His ways are better than our ways in the **big picture**.
- F. God cares about our **physical** needs.
- G. Our love for God has got to be seen in our **works**.
- H. Our **future** is totally up to God.
- I. We must stop **comparing** ourselves and our journeys to others.