

Making Great Decisions  
**Dealing With Decisions We Regret**

**I. Introduction**

- A. Luke 22:54-55 (NLT) <sup>54</sup>So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup>The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.
- B. Luke 22:56-60a (NLT) <sup>56</sup>A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!" <sup>57</sup>But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!" <sup>58</sup>After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted. <sup>59</sup>About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too." <sup>60a</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about."
- C. Luke 22:60b-62 (NLT) <sup>60b</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup>At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered that the Lord had said, "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." <sup>62</sup>And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.
- D. John 21:1-3 (NLT) <sup>1</sup>Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. <sup>2</sup>Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.
- E. John 21:4-5 (NLT) <sup>4</sup>At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. <sup>5</sup>He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied.
- F. God can't redeem that decision from the past until you own up to it!
- G. John 21:6-12 (NLT) <sup>6</sup>Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. <sup>7</sup>Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. <sup>8</sup>The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. <sup>9</sup>When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread. <sup>10</sup>"Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn. <sup>12</sup>"Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.
- H. Grace emerges entirely from the heart and character of God, who loves and blesses people because of who He is, not because of what they've done.
- I. Grace doesn't mean that our sin is okay!

- J. John 21:15 (NLT) *After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.*
- K. "Your past doesn't have to define you!"
- L. God redeems your past and uses it to build a life of significance!

## II. Conclusion