

# ALL THINGS NEW

Life Group Discussion Questions – April 30, 2023

## Part 4: His Resurrection Provides **Second Chances**

### Act I – The plot to destroy Peter’s **FAITH**

Luke 22:31-34

**SATAN** requests to sift Peter’s life vs. 31

Violently **SHAKE** to see what is real. 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:10

Jesus gives **PERMISSION** for sifting 1 Corinthians. 10:13

**CAPACITY** building is God’s goal James 1:3-4, 5:11

Job – ‘I have heard You... now I see you’ Job 42:5

Paul – ‘to keep me from exalting myself’ 2 Corinthians 12:7

Peter – failure now so you can succeed later 1 Peter 1:7

**JESUS** fights for Peter’s success vs. 32

Jesus prayed Peter’s **FAITH** will not fail John 17:11-21

Jesus’ **EQUIPMENT** for the struggle Ephesians 6:10-17

### ACT II – Peter’s faith is **TESTED**

Luke 22:32-34, 54-62

Peter’s **PLEDGE**, Jesus’ **RESPONSE** vs. 32-34; Romans 7:15-20

Peter’s **SIFTING** experience vs. 54-61

Peter’s **REACTION** to his failure vs. 62; 1 John 1:8-10

### ACT III – Peter’s **RETURN** to God’s plan

Luke 22:32; John 21:1-24

**John 21:15-17** Now when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.” He said to him again, a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was hurt because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.”

#### **DISCOVER** (Read John 21:1-24)

1. Do you agape, unconditionally love Jesus? Do you love Jesus more than your old self? What do you love more about your saved life than your life prior to salvation?
2. How was Jesus calling Peter back into ministry? Have you ever taken a pause from serving God? What led to the pause in serving? What was the process for your return to ministry?
3. What kind of trauma had Peter and the disciples endured? How does trauma shake us? How do we prepare for trauma? Peter genuinely believed he was ready to die for Jesus. But he wasn’t. Do we really know our own hearts?
4. Satan demanded permission to sift Peter and us. When have you felt sifted by Satan? What was the situation? Describe a time where others prayed for you to keep going despite a temptation to step back from serving. Sifting is an aggressive act to remove the chaff. What was left when you were sifted? What has been, or still is chaff in your life or heart?

#### **EXPLORE**

1. Read John 17:11-21 and Luke 22:31-34. Jesus prayed for Peter. Who prays for you? What is a common theme of their prayer? Who do you routinely pray for? What keeps you from the evil one? Does Jesus leave us alone when we are being sifted? Is the fact that Jesus is praying for you, something that you have considered? How might Jesus be praying for you?
2. Read 1 Peter 5:6-10. Why is sifting such a humbling process? What good may come from humbling situations? What power do we have in battling the devil? What promises do you see in this scripture that gives you hope?
3. Read James 1:3-4. Capacity building is God’s goal for us. How has God built capacity in you over the years so that you could be more effective for the Kingdom of God? Jesus sees our capacity at a much higher level than we do. Who do you know that seemed so much more capable than they realized in their service to God? What makes you think others wouldn’t say the same about you? As you grow in your capacity, and battle adversity, you should keep serving. How have others contributed to increasing your capacity?

#### **EXPERIENCE**

1. How does Jesus fight for us? How should we fight for others? Have you ever given up on an effort to help someone? Do you believe Jesus ever gives up on us? Jesus said He would never leave us or forsake us. Then how do we justify giving up on others?
2. Why did God want Peter to come back from failure? Is there always a road back to God? God is never done with you if you keep returning. Why does God want you to come back from failure?
3. Would you stand up for Jesus if, as a result, someone demanded your life?

#### **PRAY**

*Pray... Father, we do not like the idea of being prowled upon by the devil. Please protect us and deliver us from the evil one. At times we feel very empowered in serving You and then our weakness is exposed. Lift us up for the glory of Your kingdom. When we fail, show us the path to building capacity so that we can be the servants that You designed us to be. Amen.*