

**VGROUP STUDY GUIDE**  
**"BEING ALL YOU CAN BE"**  
**JOHN 21: 15-19**  
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**FOCAL POINT:** From the 1980s to 2001, the slogan for the Army was *"Be all you can be."* After having a number of other slogan since then, the Army is returning to the *"Be all you can be"* slogan again because it seems to resonate more than the other slogans (Army of One, What's Your Warrior). Why do you think *"Be all you can be"* resonates with so many people? Why do you think the idea of being all you can be would be beneficial in friendship?

**TEXT:**

*"When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord' he said to Him, 'You know that I love You.' 'Feed My lambs,' He told him. 16 A second time He asked him, 'Simon, son of John, do you love Me?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said to Him, 'You know that I love You.' 'Shepherd My sheep,' He told him. 17 He asked him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love Me?' Peter was grieved that He asked him the third time, 'Do you love Me?' He said, 'Lord, You know everything! You know that I love You.' 'Feed My sheep,' Jesus said. 18 'I assure you: When you were young, you would tie your belt and walk wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you and carry you where you don't want to go.' 19 He said this to signify by what kind of death he would glorify God. After saying this, He told him, 'Follow Me.'"*

Let's take a look at several ways our text demonstrates how we can fulfill our potential:

We fulfill our potential when:

**We have a Savior who believes in us (v. 15)**

1. What had Peter recently done that would cause most people NOT to believe in him? *Read Luke 22: 54-60.* Think of some things in your past that could cause others to NOT believe in you. In Luke 22: 54-60, how was Peter following Jesus? Why was that not a successful strategy? What ways have you seen the church in general follow Jesus at a distance?

2. Jesus reinstates His trust and belief in Peter in this verse. What did Jesus call for Peter to do? What does that mean?

3. Why would Jesus believe in you to live a life that makes a difference for Him? What was Jesus believing about Peter in these verses? What did Peter go on to do for the faith after this? Would any of your friends from the past be surprised at your faith today? Why or why not?

### **We repent** (vv. 15-17)

1. What does “repent” mean? Many times people confuse “remorse” for “repentance.” Can you detail the difference between the two and why one is more important than the other? How does Matt. 3: 8 help differentiate the two?

2. How was “feeding” the sheep (God’s people) a demonstration of Peter’s repentance? Why was it important?

3. How was the story from Sunday about a dead man being tied to a living man a good example of what living with sin is like? When does one gain freedom from the stench of sin? How do we cut out the stench of sin in our lives? *Read 1 John 1: 9.* What happens if sin isn’t cut out of our lives? *Read Rom. 6: 23, Is. 66: 18.*

### **We give our all** (vv. 18-19)

1. What makes giving our all so difficult? What does it cost us to follow Jesus? *Read 1 Cor. 6: 19-20, Matt. 16: 24-26.*

2. Why would anyone surrender their lives to Christ? What is the benefit of that? What cost has come for you to follow Jesus? What are some things you’ve given up to follow Jesus? Has that been hard?

3. What are changes that have come into your life because you follow Jesus?