

**Beach Break**  
**Re-entering Your Kingdom Mission**  
**John 21**

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We are looking at stories of divine encounters people had with Jesus on the beach...

This is the LAST message in our Summer Series, “Beach Break”...

Coming back after vacation or being away and then entering back into our “normal” routines is always difficult...

Recently, however, COVID-19 has created even more stress to re-entry...

**“Cave Syndrome”**

On May 13 — after more than a year of masks and social distancing — the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finally [amended its guidance](#) to say that fully vaccinated people could return to nearly all aspects of normal life.

But for some fully vaccinated people, the news did not alleviate deeply felt fears about health and safety that had become embedded into their psyche. Rather than experiencing a sense of freedom, some continued to feel anxious about rejoining regular life with its crowds, open air, and free-floating pathogens.

“After a year in isolation, many people who have developed an intimate understanding of what it means to socially

isolate are afraid to return to their former lives despite being fully vaccinated,” [the Scientific American reported](#). It turns out there is actually a name for this psychological phenomenon: it’s called “cave syndrome.”

Two months after the CDC amended it’s guidelines, and the strange psychological condition is still plaguing many. [The Wall Street Journal reported](#) this week that scores of individuals who are fearful of plunging back into social activities "are awkwardly declining invitations out, avoiding throngs of people and dreading, or even putting off, the return to workplaces."

I believe there are also many believers who are stuck in a Spiritual “Cave Syndrome”...

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**ONE THING**

***Every believer has a MISSION in which they will STAND BEFORE the Lord to give ACCOUNT***

***John 21:1–8 (ESV) — After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.***

***“Children...”***

***A person of any age for whom there is a special relationship of endearment and association—‘my child, my dear friend, my dear man, my dear one’***

**Luke 5:4–6 (ESV) — And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.**

**Luke 5:8 (ESV) — But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”**

**Luke 5:10–11 (ESV) — and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.**

**“Stones of Remembrance”**

**John 21:9–14 (ESV) — When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the**

**disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.**

**Notice again how our story begins...**

**John 21:3 (ESV) — Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.**

**Every minute we are not in alignment with the work of the Holy Spirit we are functioning in our own strength and effort...**

**Romans 8:5 (ESV) — For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.**

**Romans 8:13–14 (ESV) — For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

**John 6:63a (ESV) — It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.**

**John 15:5 (ESV) — I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.**

**John 21:15–17 (ESV) — 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, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him 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, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.**

**Jesus tells Peter to DO three things...**

**“Feed my lambs.”**

**“Tend my sheep.”**

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**The word used for “lambs” is “little lambs” or babes in Christ.**

**To “Tend” the flock means to “Shepherd my flock”**

**“Feed my sheep” means Feed or take care of ALL my sheep**

**But, the ministry can only be accomplished to the measure of our LOVE for the LORD.**

**Mark 12:30 (ESV) — And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’**

➤ **Expressing GOD’S love is living the RADICAL life of OTHER-CENTEREDNESS!**

**Romans 5:8 (ESV) — But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**John 15:9–10 (ESV) — As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.**

**John 21:18–19 (ESV) — Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”**

**1 Corinthians 12:27 (ESV) — Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**

***“The two most important days in a person’s life are the day they were born and the day they discover why.”***

***John 21:20–22 (ESV) — Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”***

***Hebrews 12:1–2 (NASB95) — Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus...***

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