

"You will see greater things than these."

"but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst"

"For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."

"do you love Me more than these?"

# SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

"He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent".



# Is Something Burning?

John 21:15-17

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

*“In one bold stroke, forgiveness  
obliterates the past and permits us to  
enter the land of new beginnings.”*

Billy Graham

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Matt 4:18,19 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called **Peter and Andrew** his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

# Call of Peter Matt 4:18,19

- Called where they were
- Called to do His work
- Called to follow His way
- **God calls us to a work NOT to watch!**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



*“By definition forgiveness is something we do not deserve!”*

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



John 13:37

Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 13:38

Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



John 18:10

Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

# Challenge of Peter 13 & 18

- Don't wash me!
- Don't waste me!
- Don't wait for me!
- **God is looking for servants to lead – NOT leaders without Him.**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



*“In forgiving, rather than retaliating,  
you make a choice to bear the cost.”*

Tim Keller

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 18:18

Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a **charcoal fire**, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 18:25

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You are not also one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it, and said, “I am not.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 18:26

One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?”

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John 18:27

Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

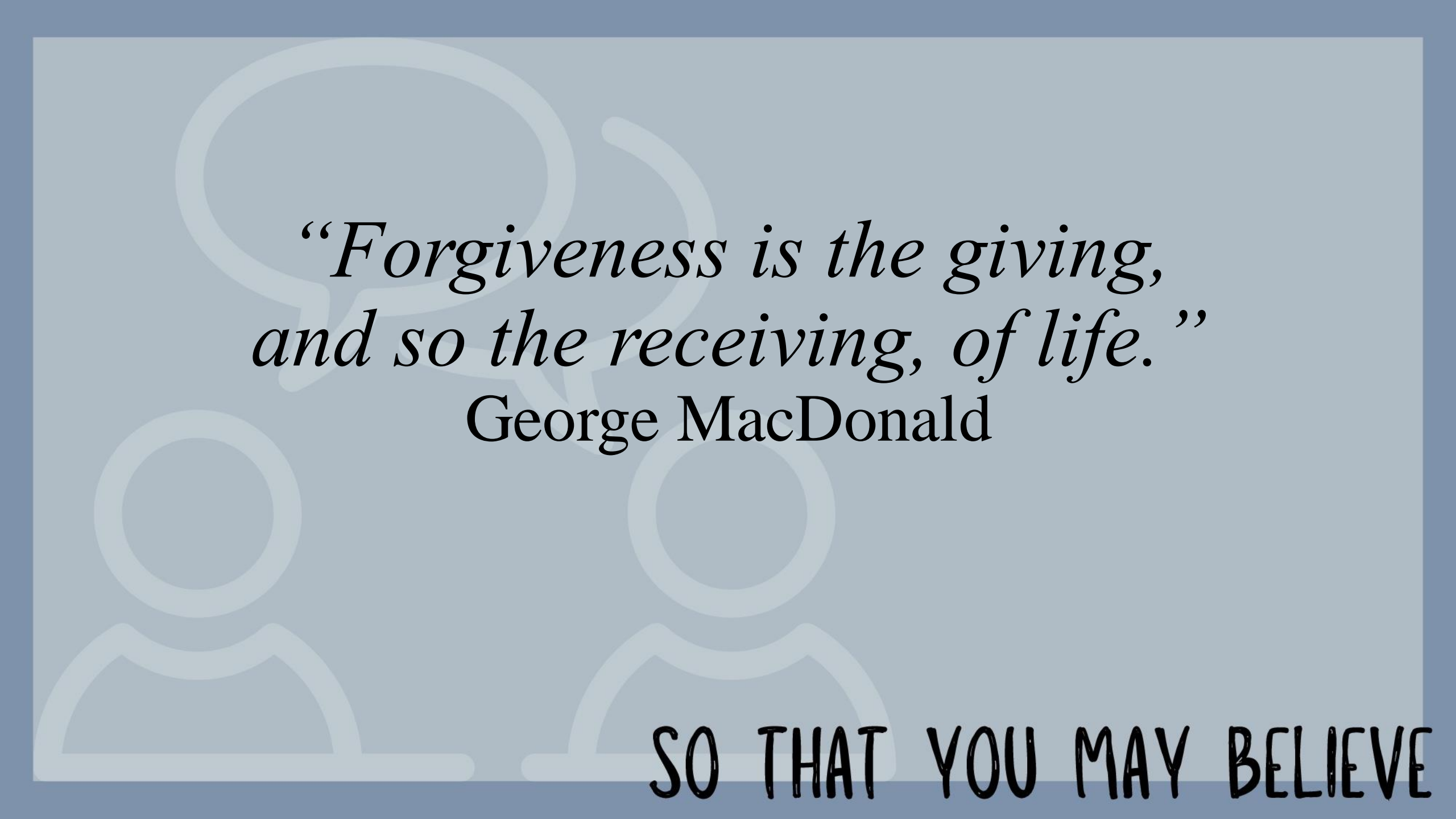
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# Crisis of Peter 21:25-27

- Others fled – he followed
- Others hid – he denied
- Others feared – he lied
- Others distanced – he cursed (Mark 14:71)
- *“Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”* 1 Cor 10:13 - ESV

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE





*“Forgiveness is the giving,  
and so the receiving, of life.”*

George MacDonald

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 21:15

So 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.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 21:16

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.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 21:17

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 all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Σίμων Ἰωάννου ἀγαπᾷς  
με πλέον τούτων λέγει αὐτῷ ναί  
κύριε σὺ οἶδας ὅτι φιλῶ σε λέγει  
αὐτῷ βόσκει τὰ ἄρνία μου

Σίμων Ἰωάννου ἀγαπᾷς με λέγει  
αὐτῷ ναί κύριε σὺ οἶδας ὅτι  
φιλῶ σε λέγει  
αὐτῷ ποιμαίνε τὰ πρόβατά μου

Σίμων Ἰωάννου φιλεῖς με  
καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ κύριε πάντα σὺ  
οἶδας σὺ γινώσκεις ὅτι φιλῶ σε  
λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς  
βόσκει τὰ πρόβατά μου

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

# Cure for Peter 21:15-17

- Love – Love      agape / phileo
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- Feed – Tend – Feed
- Lambs – Sheep – Sheep

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

# Cure for Peter 21:15-17

- Love – Love
- Feed – Tend
- Lambs – Sheep
- **Jesus is looking for folks who will love like Him – feed like Him – shepherd like Him!**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

# Cure for Peter 21:15-17

- The charcoal fire
- The offer of a meal
- The gentle restoration
- ALL begins with forgiveness!
- **Mercy is repeated often – Grace is sufficient!**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



*“Forgiveness is given to the offender  
- forgotten by the Savior –  
so who is carrying the grudge?”*

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE