

TAKE HOME SHEET



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**Message:** Good Change is Contagious  
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**To get the full picture of the remarkable changes in Peter (and the other disciples) we discussed today, read the first five chapters of the book of Acts.**

Here are some questions to help us experience the same changes in our lives:

Is there anything holding me back from asking Jesus to forgive me and to follow Him?

Is there any guilt or shame I carry that I think God won't forgive?

Do I have a "rooster crow" that triggers my shame?

**Read the story Jesus told of the rebellious son in Luke 15:11-24.**

What was the state of the son's heart at the beginning?

What changed?

What was his father's heart like?

*<sup>8</sup> If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. <sup>9</sup> But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

1 John 1:8–9 (NLT)

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

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**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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*The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”*

John 21:17 (NIV)

**A genuine relationship with Jesus should always be characterized by love – His for us and ours for Him and others.**

**Even our big sin and shame can be cancelled out by God’s bigger grace and forgiveness.**

**Jesus’ vision for our lives isn’t derailed by our failures. He is always ready to restore, reinstate and recalibrate.**

**Jesus didn’t come to merely inform us; He came to transform us!**

*The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.*

Acts 4:13 (NLT)

**Having discovered the reality of what only Jesus offers, Peter wanted everyone to know, regardless of the cost.**

*<sup>40</sup> They called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go. <sup>41</sup> The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. <sup>42</sup> And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: “Jesus is the Messiah.”*

Acts 5:40–42 (NLT)