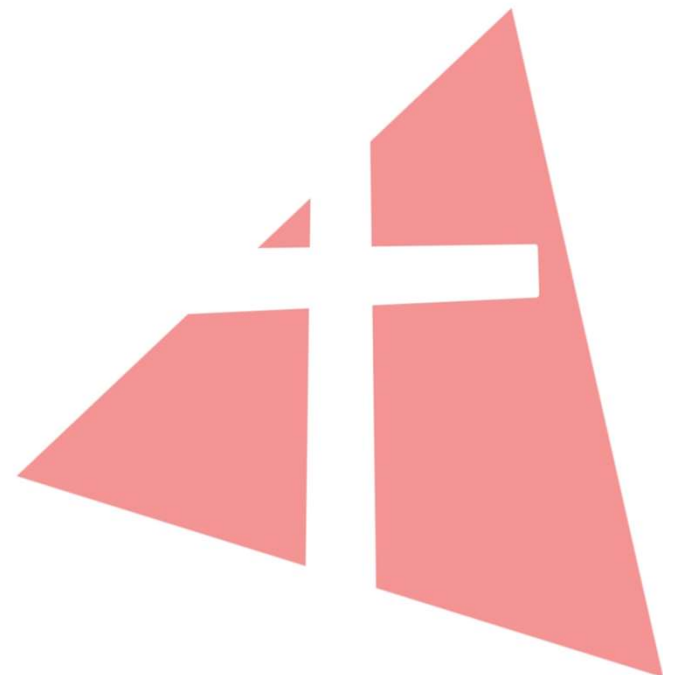


# **THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FIRE**

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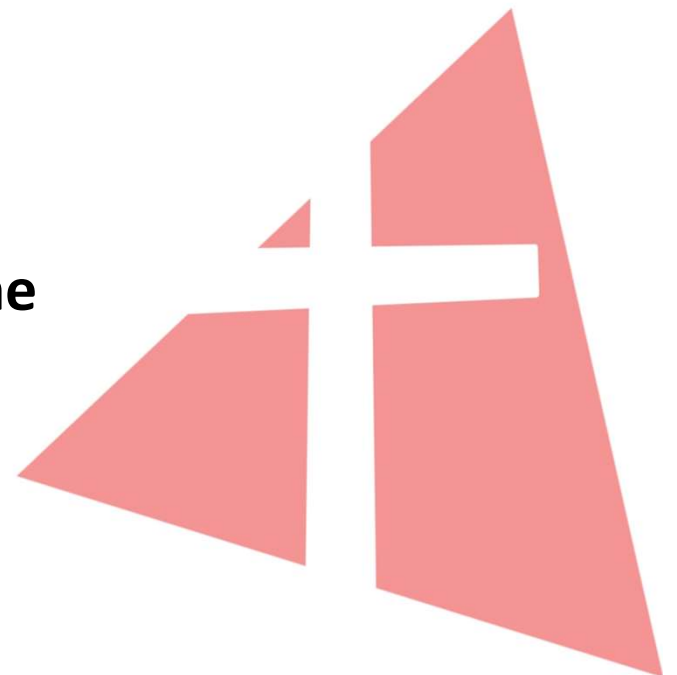
# GUILT

- **Most Christians know in their head that they are forgiven**
- **Only few Christians actually experience forgiveness**



# HOW MOST PEOPLE DEAL WITH SIN

- **One extreme: Not taking sin seriously**
  - Ignore sin
  - Minimize sin
  - Comparing ourselves with “worse people”
  - ...
- **The other extreme: Driven by guilt and shame**
  - Trying to “Make up” for sin
  - Feeling condemned for our sin



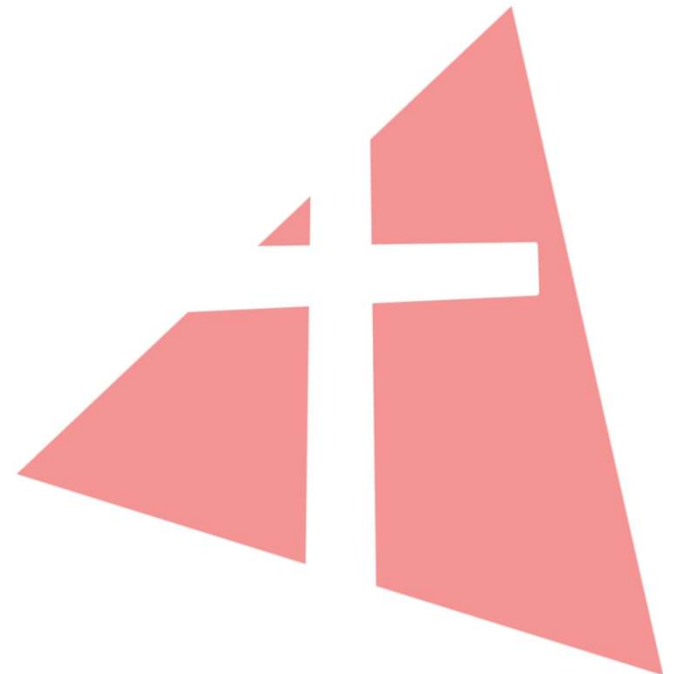
# WE ALL KNOW SIN IS SERIOUS

- **Ignoring sin, shame, guilt,... will never work**
  - We can “cover up” for a while, but sin and shame will always resurface eventually
- **Trying to “do more good than bad” ... will never work**
  - We will never know when we have reached the goal



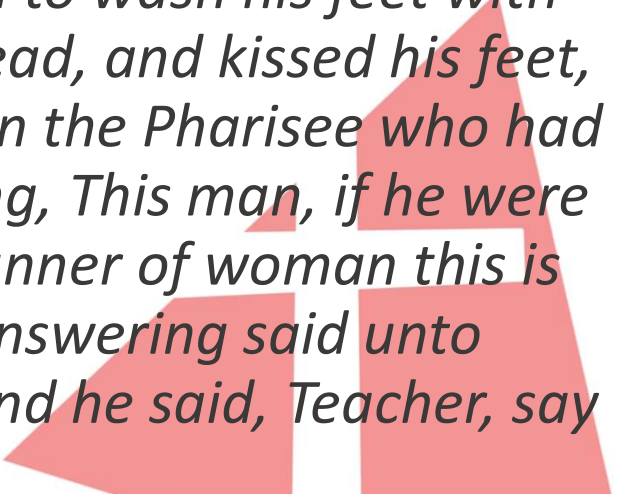
# SO ... WHAT CAN WE DO?

- So ... what's the solution?



# THE SINFUL WOMAN

*And one of the Pharisees asked him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And, behold, a woman in the city, who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat to eat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had bidden him saw it, he spoke within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that touches him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have something to say unto you. And he said, Teacher, say on.*

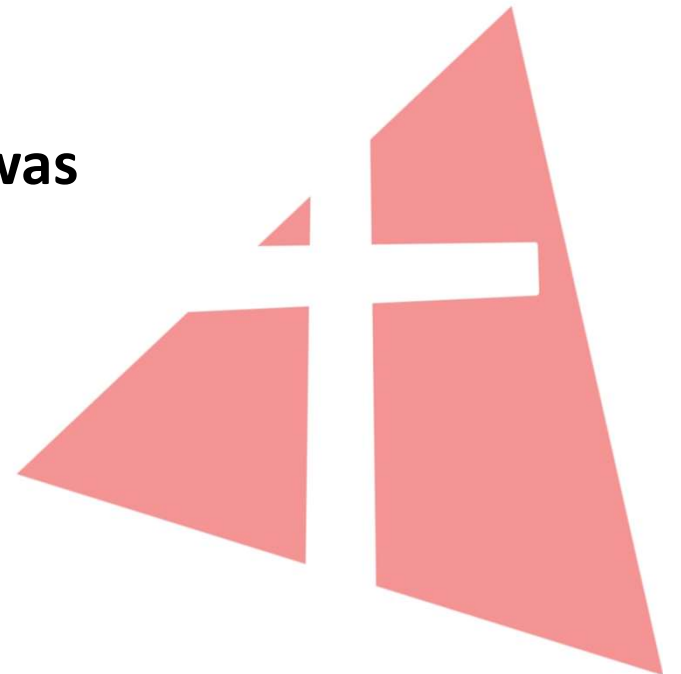


# THE SINFUL WOMAN

*There was a certain creditor who had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, You have rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, See this woman? I entered into your house, you gave me no water for my feet: but she has washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. You gave me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in has not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil you did not anoint: but this woman has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I say unto you, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little. And he said unto her, Your sins are forgiven. (Luke 7:36-48)*

# THE SINFUL WOMAN

- It's not about "how messed up she was"
- It's about acknowledging how great her sin was





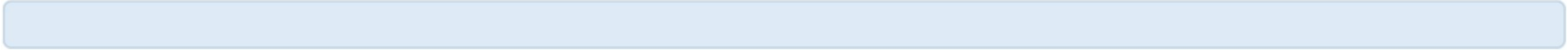
The best person who ever lived

The worst person who ever lived

You  
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The standard is the sky



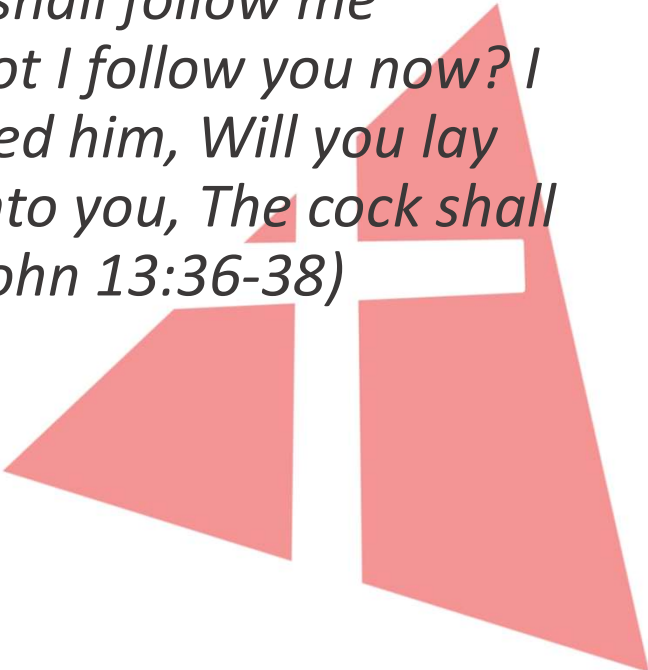
# THE PRINCIPLE

- Without acknowledging how sinful we are, we will **NEVER** be able to truly experience God's love



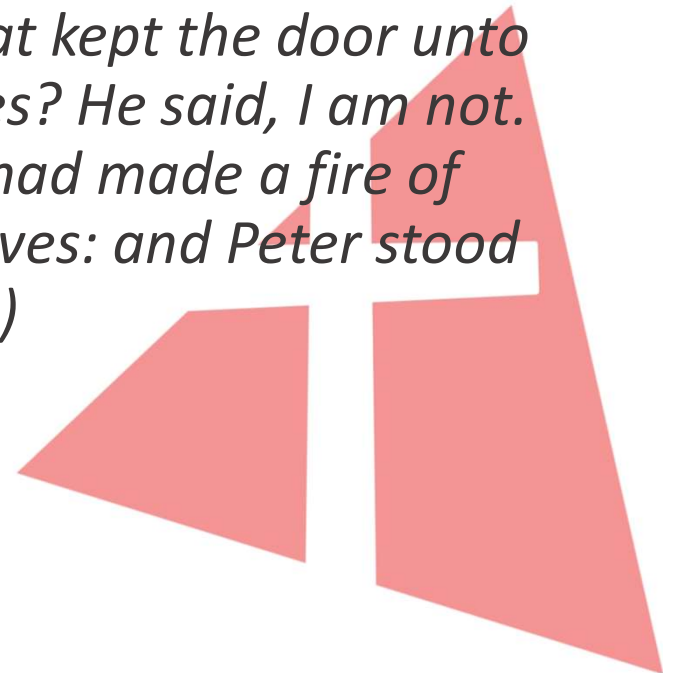
# PETER

*Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, where do you go? Jesus answered him, Where I go, you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow me afterwards. Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for your sake. Jesus answered him, Will you lay down your life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto you, The cock shall not crow, till you have denied me three times. (John 13:36-38)*



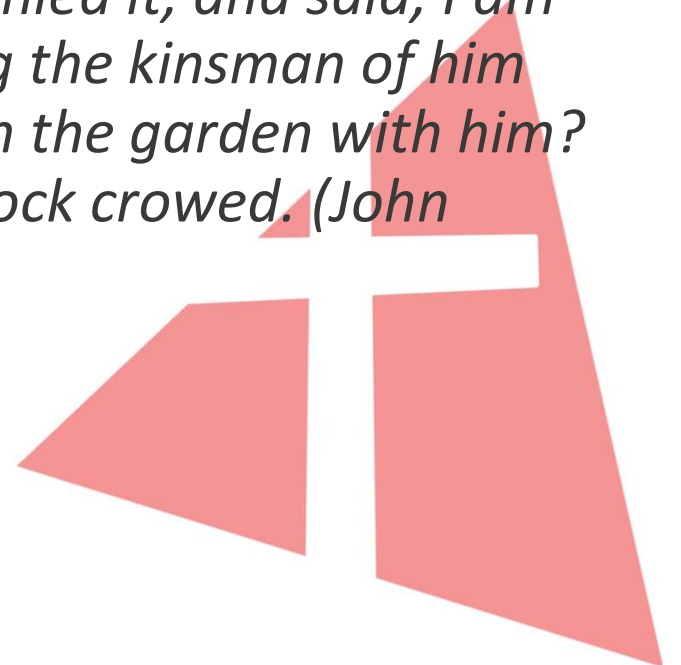
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*But Peter stood at the door outside. Then went out that other disciple, who was known unto the high priest, and spoke unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then said the girl that kept the door unto Peter, Are not you also one of this man's disciples? He said, I am not. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. (John 18:16-18)*



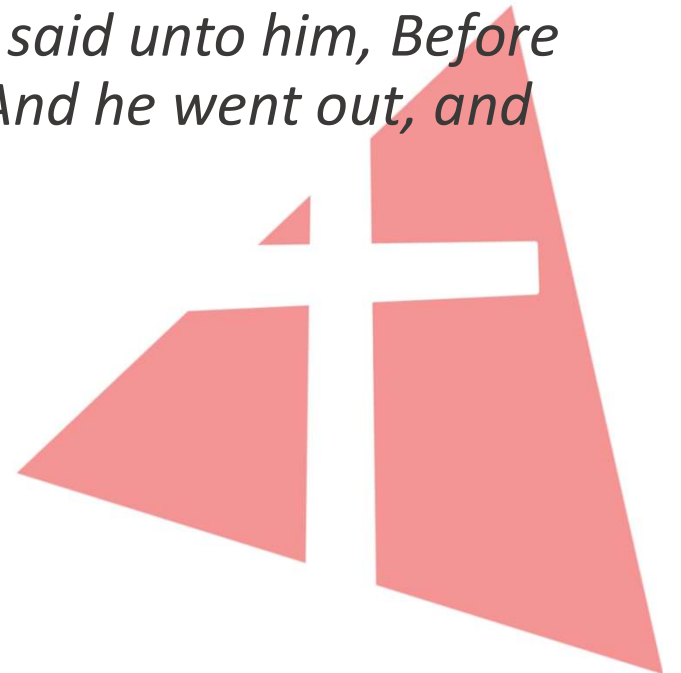
# PETER

*And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Are not you also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. One of the servants of the high priest, being the kinsman of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, Did not I see you in the garden with him? Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crowed. (John 18:25-27)*



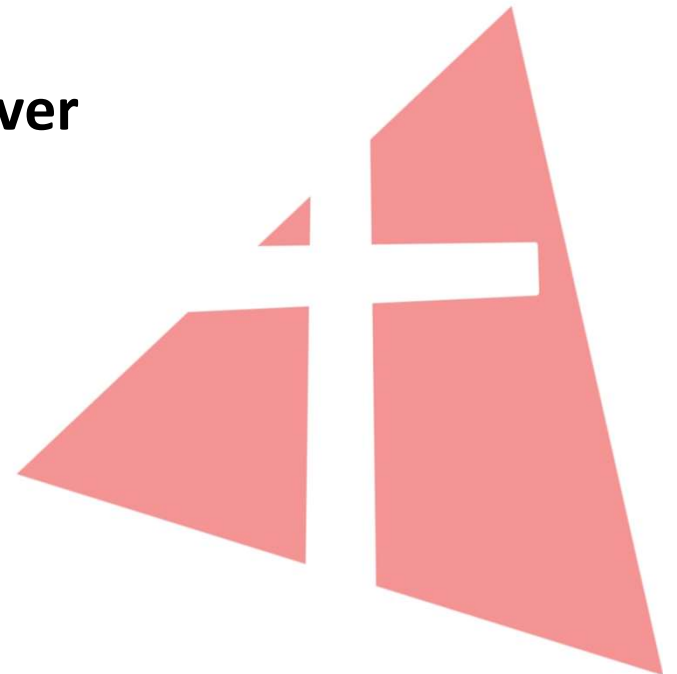
# PETER

*And Peter remembered the words of Jesus, who said unto him, Before the cock crows, you shall deny me three times. And he went out, and wept bitterly. (Matthew 26:75)*



# PETER

- Peter must have felt like his whole life was over

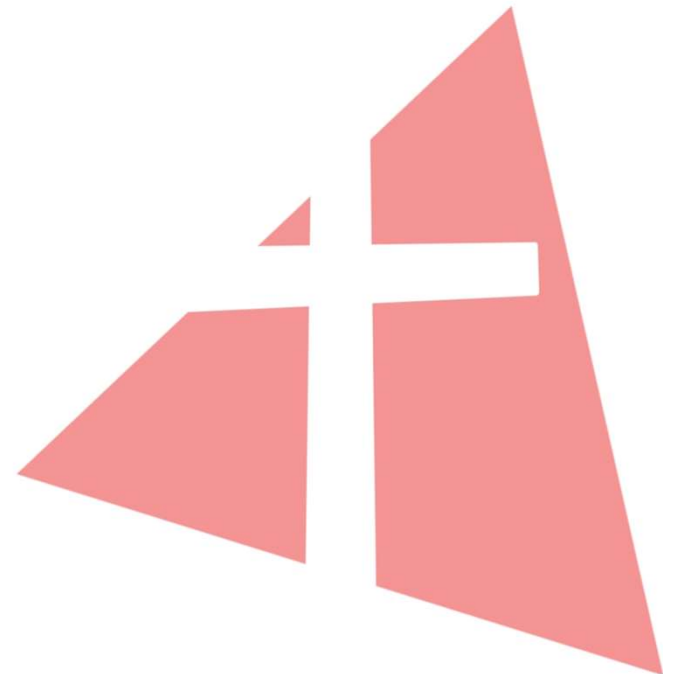




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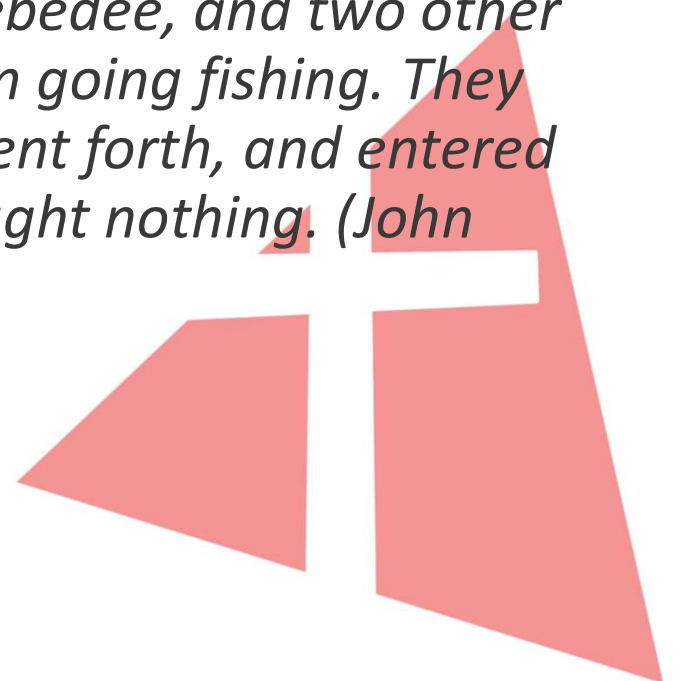
- **After the resurrection**

- Peter saw the empty tomb
- Peter saw Jesus in person 2 times



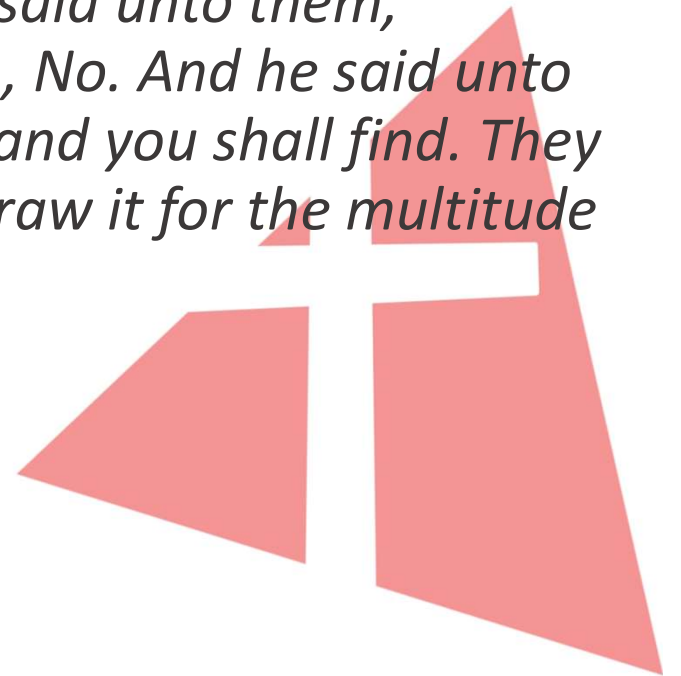
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*There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter said unto them, I am going fishing. They said unto him, We also will go with you. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. (John 21:2-3)*



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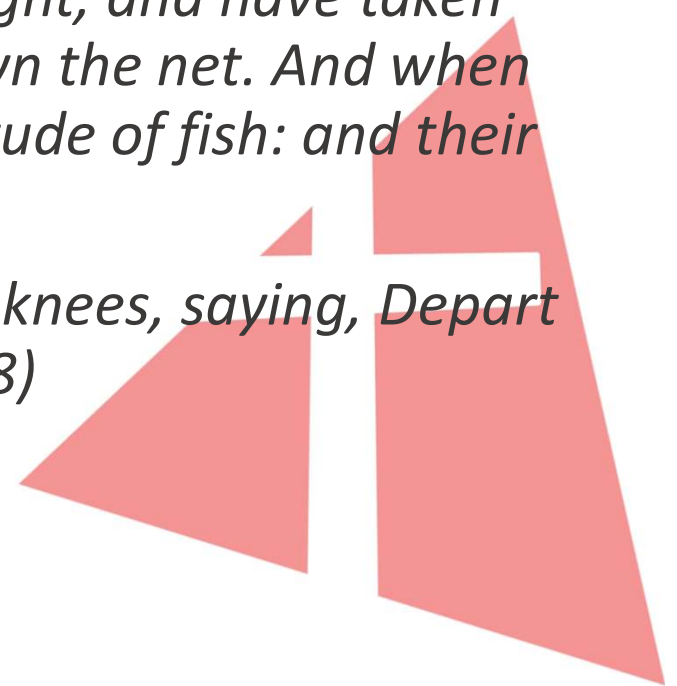
*But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said unto them, Children, have you any fish? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and you shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fish. (John 21:4-6)*



# PETER

*Now when he had ceased speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch. And Simon answering said unto him, Teacher, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at your word I will let down the net. And when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish: and their net broke. (Luke 5:4-6)*

*When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. (Luke 5:8)*



# PETER

*As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus said unto them, Bring of the fish which you have now caught. (John 21:9-10)*



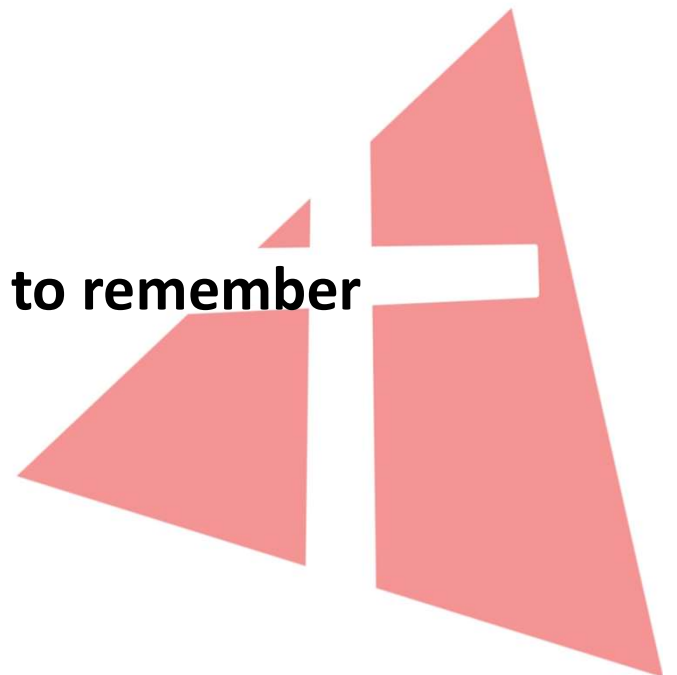
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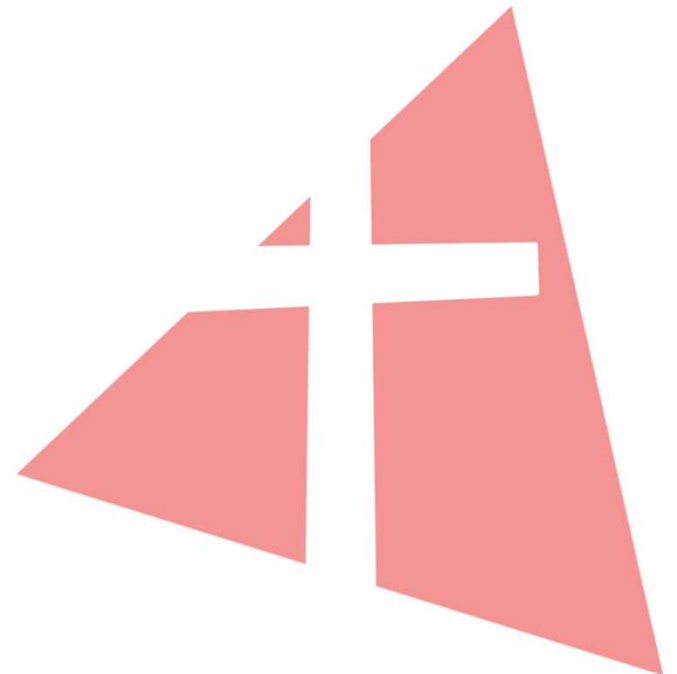
# PETER

- **Jesus' restoration to Peter**
  - A 2<sup>nd</sup> miraculous catch
  - A 2<sup>nd</sup> meal
  - A 2<sup>nd</sup> fire
- **Jesus wanted to give Peter something better to remember**



# HOW MOST PEOPLE DEAL WITH SIN

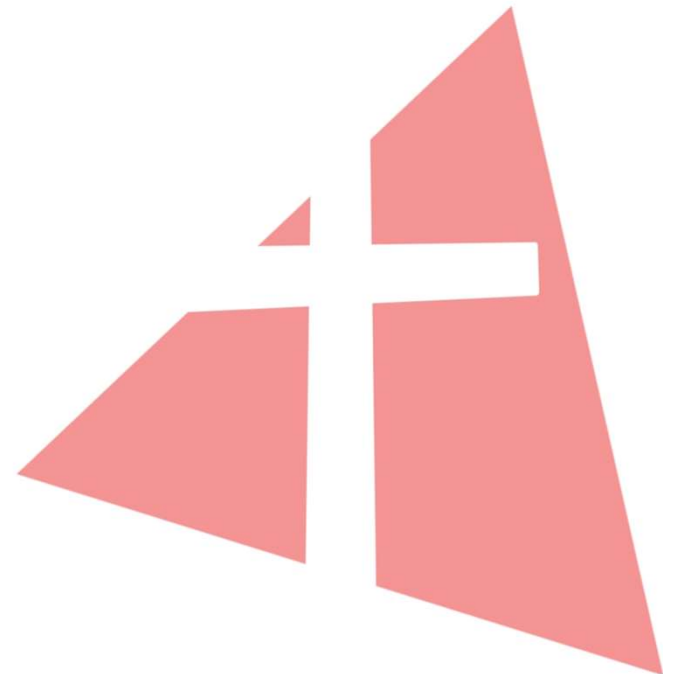
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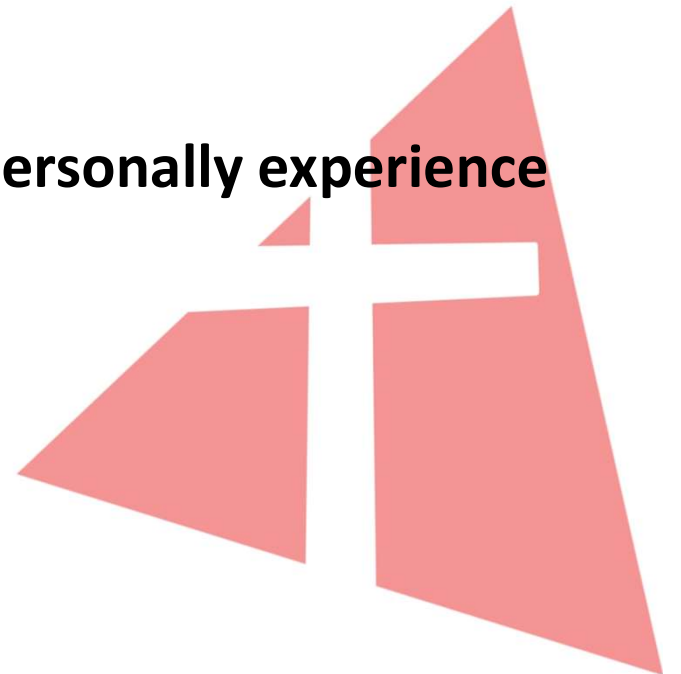
# THE RIGHT WAY

- Acknowledging the seriousness of our sin
- Allowing Jesus to restore us



# MY STORY

- **First I became a Christian in my head**
  - But I felt terrible about it
- **To become a Christian in my heart, I had to personally experience God's forgiveness**



# DO YOU NEED A 2<sup>ND</sup> FIRE?

- Acknowledge your sin
- Bring it to God
- Ask Him to restore you

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

