

The Morning After

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. **2** Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

3 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.

4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5** Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." **6** 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. **7** 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. **8** 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.

9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

11 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. **12** 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. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. John 21:1-14

Point I: The Morning After Reveals Our Empty Nets

- You toiled all year to be happy, but you're just tired.
- You worked all night to secure your future, but you still feel insecure.

- You tried to handle your problems with your own "fishing skills"—your own planning and worrying—and you have nothing to show for it.

We often have to hit the bottom of our own resources before we are ready to look at the shore.

Point II: The Morning After Brings a New Voice

"No, try again. But this time, do it My way."

Don't quit. Just cast the net differently. Stop relying on your expertise and start relying on My Word.

Point III: The Morning After Breakfast

Jesus is making them breakfast.

Jesus is the God of the Morning After. He is the one who meets you when you are tired and says, "Sit down. Eat. Let Me restore you."

Conclusion: Waking Up to Hope

1. Admit the Empty Net: Don't pretend you have it all together. It's okay to say, "Lord, I caught nothing."
2. Listen for the Voice: The Morning After is when His voice is clearest. He is directing you to a new side of the boat—the side of obedience.
3. Come to Breakfast: Stop striving. Stop toiling. Come to the table.

