

# Jesus-Joy in the Middle...

*More Lessons from the Life (& Letters) of Peter*



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## Matthew 16:22

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!”

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## Mark 14:29, 31

Peter said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble, yet

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*Take home:* **We're part of God's family!**





Simon Peter



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## John 13:9

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, [wash]  
not my feet only, but also my hands  
and my head!”

After these things Jesus showed Himself  
again to the disciples at the Sea of  
Tiberias, and in this way He  
showed *Himself*:

John 21:1



Simon Peter, Thomas called the  
Twin, Nathanael of Cana in  
Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee, and two  
others of His disciples were together.

John 21:2

Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We are going with you also.” They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

John 21:3



But when the morning had now come,  
Jesus stood on the shore; yet the  
disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

John 21:4

Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?” They answered Him, “No.”

John 21:5



And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*.” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

John 21:6

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

John 21:7



But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.

John 21:8

Then, as soon as they had come to land,  
they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid  
on it, and bread.

John 21:9



Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish  
which you have just caught.”

John 21:10

Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

John 21:11



Jesus said to them, “Come *and* eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord.

John 21:12

Jesus then came and took the bread and  
gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

John 21:13



This *is* now the third time Jesus showed  
Himself to His disciples after He was  
raised from the dead.

John 21:14

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, 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.”

John 21:15



He said to him again a second time,  
“Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?”  
He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that  
I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My  
sheep.”

John 21:16

He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, 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, “Feed My sheep.

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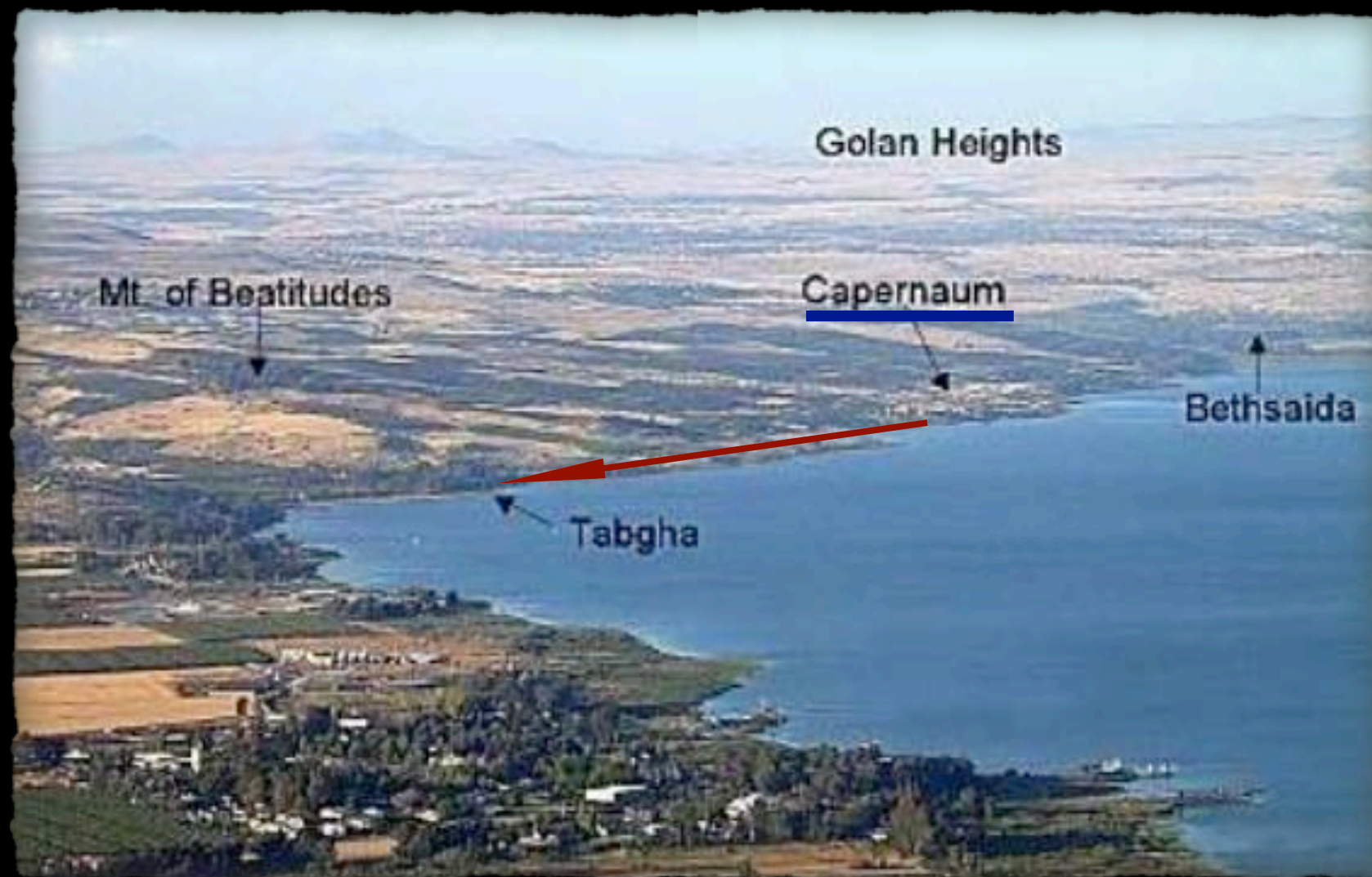


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. . . the goodness of God leads you to  
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Romans 2:4b

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Matthew 26:33

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Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.

Psalm 51:12a

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and  
cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my  
transgressions, and my sin *is* always before me.

Psalm 51:2-3



There is no fear in love;  
but perfect love casts out fear.

1 John 3:18a

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Luke 7:47b

to whom little is forgiven,  
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## Psalm 139:23-24a

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me,  
and know my anxieties; and see if *there is*  
*any* wicked way in me.





Love grows  
best in the soil  
of a humble  
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## John 13:34a

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you.

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you  
...[not] as being lords over those entrusted to  
you, but being examples to the flock;

1 Peter 5:2-3



. . . above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4:8b

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to  
forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all  
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1 John 1:9



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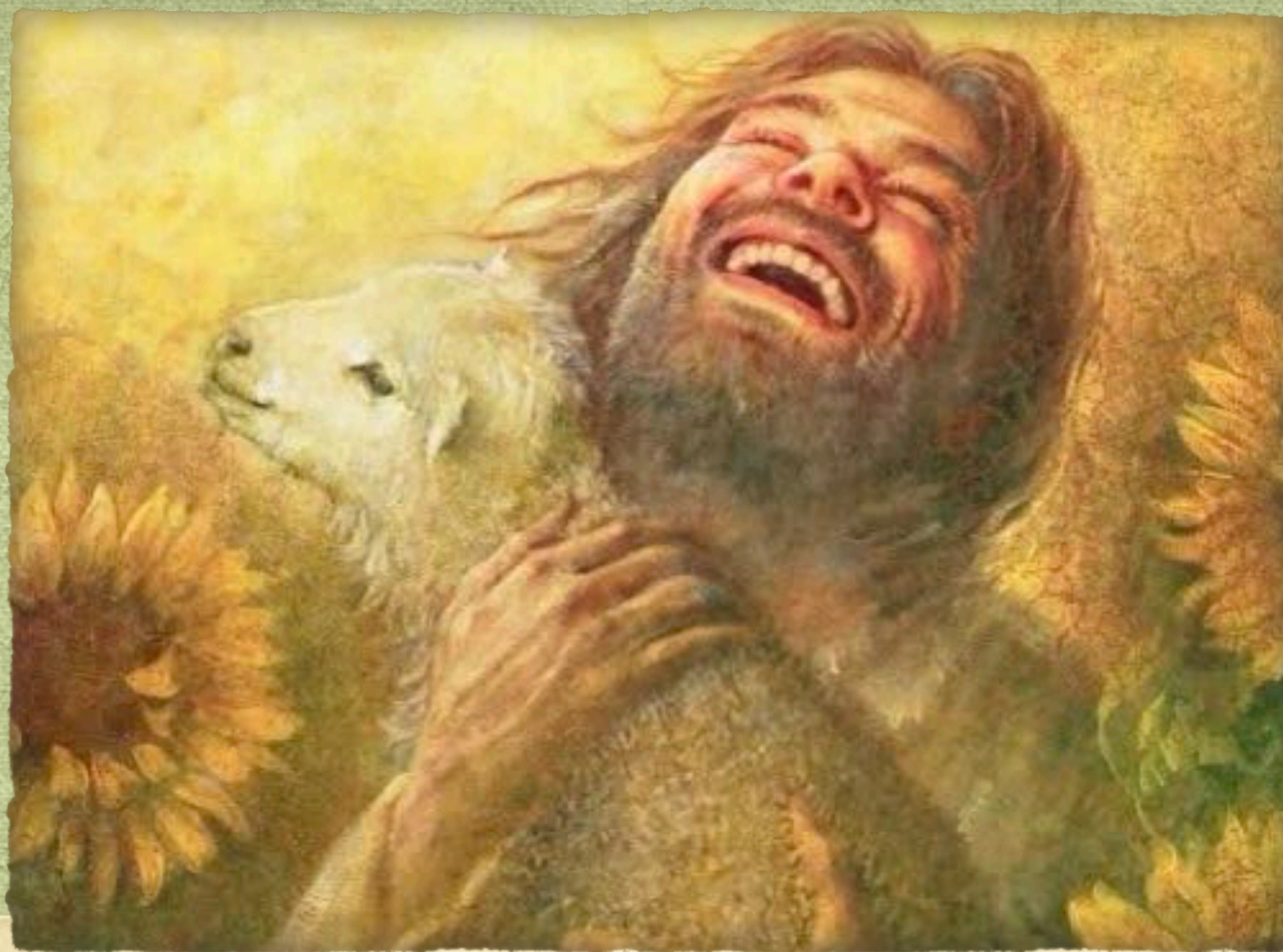


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