

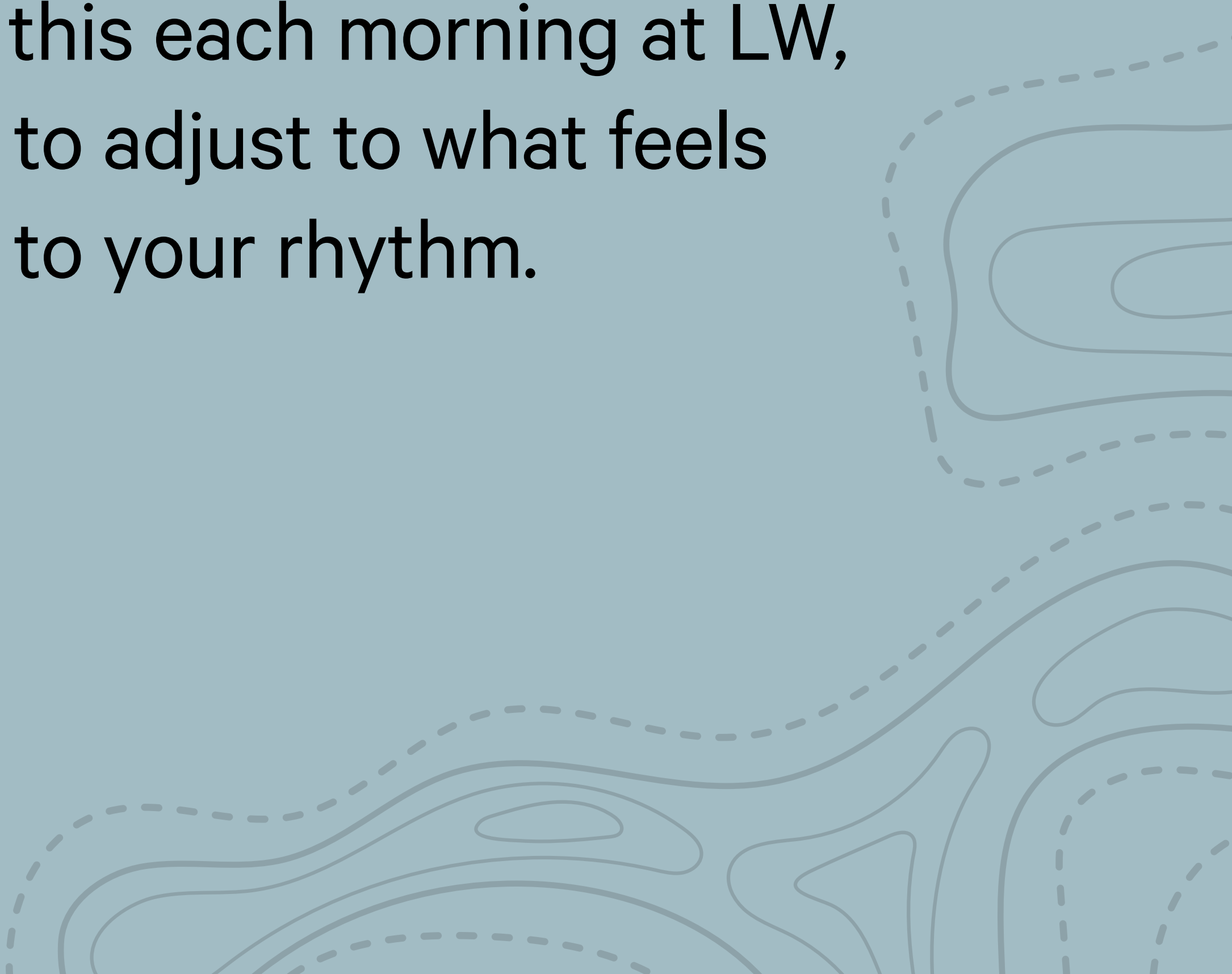
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# HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource exists to help promote spiritual unity and an act of worship to bring together our leadership teams over the course of Leadership Weekend 2025. This Prayer Journey is both an invitation to pray and a brief study of Scripture. This study is designed to be done alongside your normal spiritual rhythms. Throughout this weekend we will take a closer look at several moments where Jesus and Peter interacted throughout Jesus' ministry here on earth. We want you to feel free to take the time you need to work through this each day. Make sure to have a Bible, journal, and something to write with. Throughout this study we will use the CSB Bible Translation, but you can use other translations too. There will be time set aside for you to complete this each morning at LW, but feel free to adjust to what feels comfortable to your rhythm.

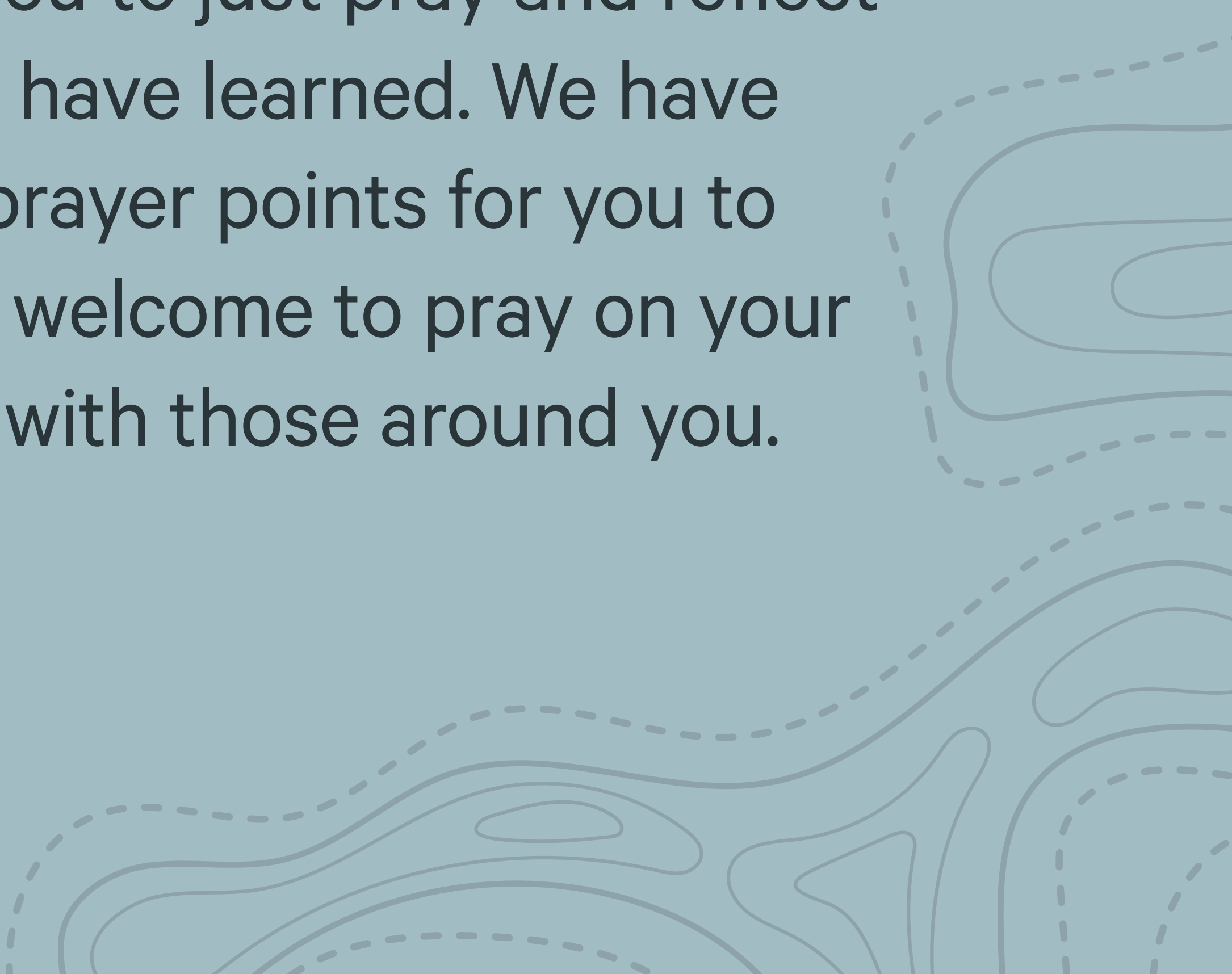


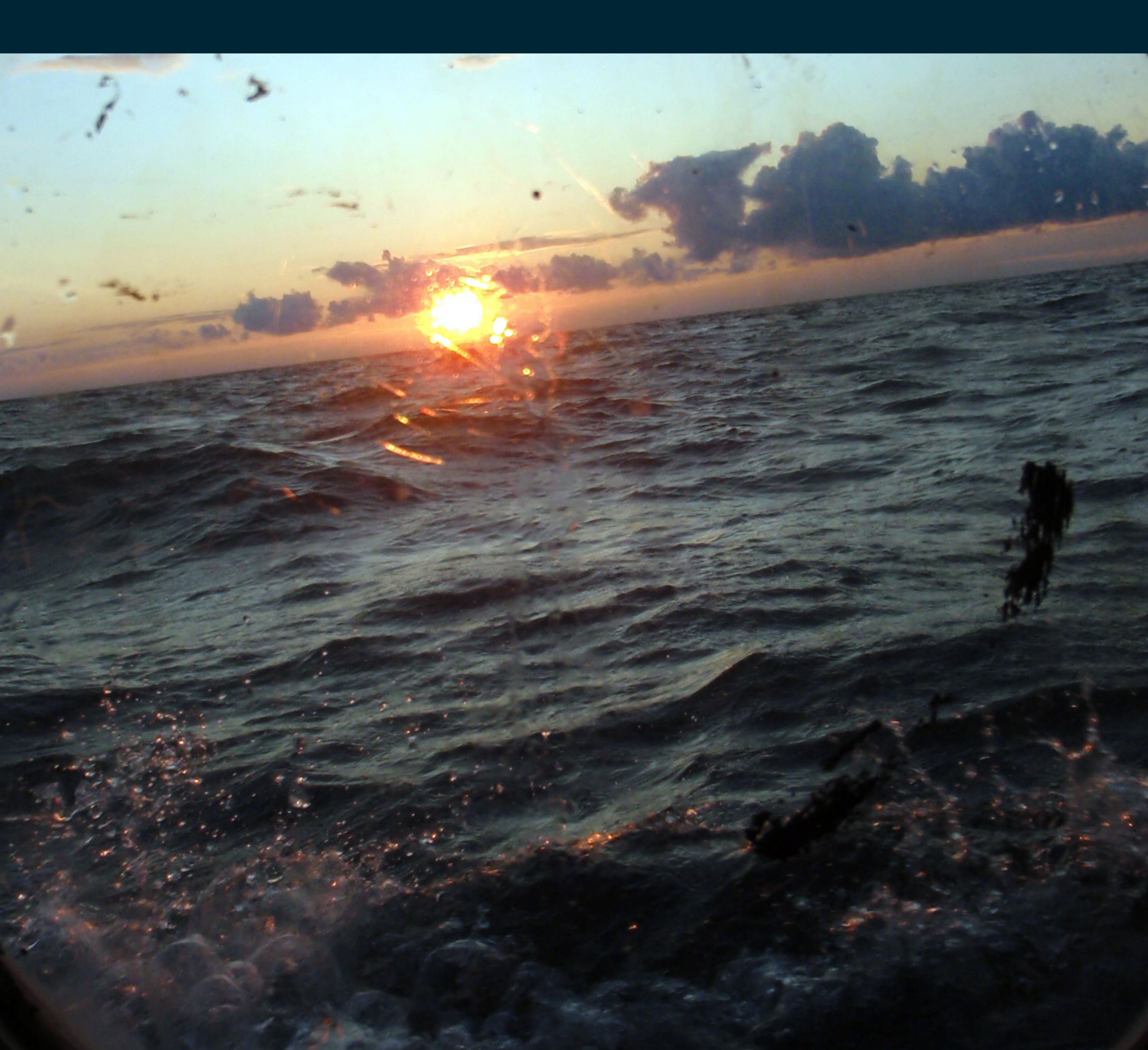
**Starting Point:** This initial section will give you the space to center yourself as you begin the study. We hope that this will help get rid of any distractions that may have already come about. Each day will have a heart posture we encourage you to approach humbly before you open your Bible.

**Scripture Reading:** In this section we have provided a passage of Scripture for you to read. These will be moments where Peter and Jesus interact and are relevant to today's theme. It is our hope that you read through each of the passages slowly. We encourage you to highlight or write out a verse or write down points that stick out to you.

**Reflect:** After going through the Scripture, spend some time reflecting on what you have just read. This is a space for you to be honest and process what you have learned. We encourage you to write out what you have learned in the verses we focused on that day.

**Prayer:** During this last section we encourage you to just pray and reflect on what you have learned. We have written out prayer points for you to use. You are welcome to pray on your own or pray with those around you.





## **DAY 1 / FRIDAY**

# Jesus Calls Peter

### **Starting Point:**

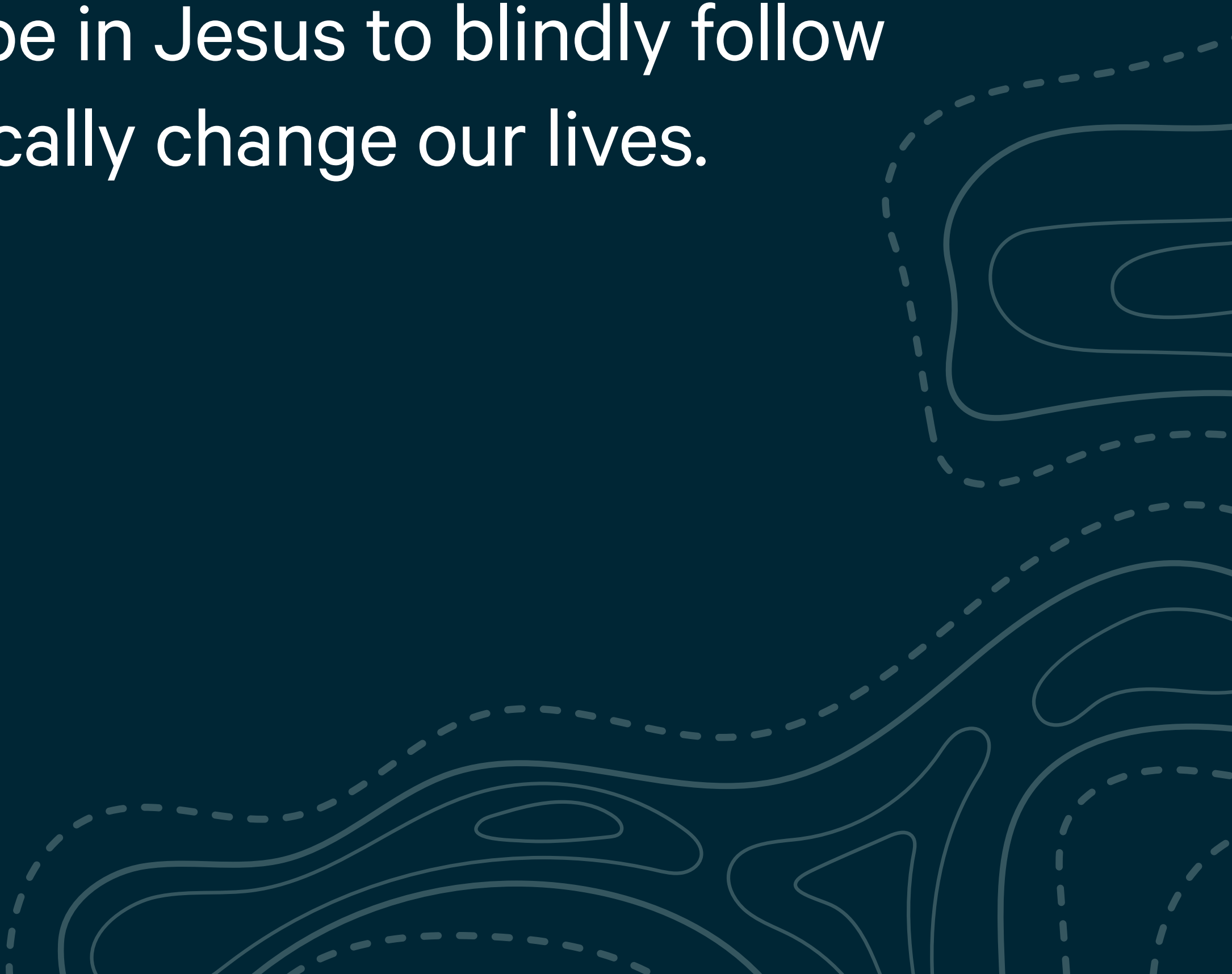
Today, before we begin to read Scripture, let's take a moment to reflect on the power that Scripture holds. We not only read The Word because we believe that what it has to say is powerful and true, but also because it is the holy, living word of God. The entire Bible is God-Breathed and Divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit. As we approach the word of God today, take a moment to center yourself and remember to read Scripture with the power we believe it holds.

## **Scripture Reading:**

Let's open our Bibles up to Matthew 4:18-22. In this passage, Jesus is calling out to Peter, Andrew, James, and John. We see in a moment that the four disciples dropped everything to go and follow Jesus. Why? What was so appealing about Jesus that these four men dropped everything to go and follow him? We know from reading John's account of this event that they weren't just chasing a random man, but rather someone who Andrew believed to be the messiah. These men dropped everything they had and knew to follow who they believed to be the one they had hoped for.

## **Reflect:**

Hope can be defined as a feeling of trust or a want for something to happen. 1 Peter 1:3-5 describes hope in Jesus as imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. It's no wonder with a hope as strong as this, that these fishermen dropped all they had to follow Jesus. Peter was not a perfect man (and we will spend some time looking at this later), but he shows us how a hope in Jesus to blindly follow him can radically change our lives.



**Prayer:**

*Using the prayer points below, take a moment to pray:*

Thanking God for being our rock  
and ultimate source of hope

The same hope of Peter and  
Andrew to follow what the Lord  
calls you to.

God will continue to give us the  
strength to follow Him

Thank God for sending His son  
Jesus to this earth.





## **DAY 2 – SATURDAY //**

# **Jesus calls Peter to walk on water**

### **Starting Point:**

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## **Scripture Reading:**

Today, we will be reading Matthew 14:22-33. In this passage, there are two main points that we should focus on. 1) The importance of Prayer. After feeding the 5000 Jesus sends his disciples away to take time alone to pray to his father. Prayer is wildly important to Jesus. Prayer is Jesus' first response after the miracle of feeding the 5000. Jesus did not - He could not - neglect prayer. 2) The importance of Faith. When Jesus walks towards the disciple's boat in the early morning, Peter takes a step of bold faith and calls out to him. Peter, in faith with his eyes fixed on Jesus, begins to walk on water. It is only when Peter becomes scared of his surroundings, he takes his eyes off Jesus and begins to sink. Yet in a moment of crisis, he still called out to the only one he knew could help him. His ultimate hope, Jesus.

## **Reflect:**

Our faith is important to how we respond and interact with Jesus daily. In Matthew 14 we see an example of bold faith immediately followed by an example of little faith when things got scary. In *Clarke's Commentary*, Adam Clarke says this about Peter's lack of faith "It was not the violence of the winds, nor the raging of the waves, which endangered his life,

but his littleness of faith.”. Faith is the foundation of hope. We can’t truly have hope without having faith in something to look forward towards. Our waters will get treacherous and scary at times but keeping our eyes on Jesus as our strength is how we will get through the roughest storms.

**Prayer:**

*Using the prayer points below, take a moment to pray:*

For The bold faith of Peter.

Our eyes stay fixated on Jesus in the middle of the storm.

Jesus remains at the center of our hope.

Thank God for sending His son Jesus to this Earth.





## **DAY 3 – SUNDAY //**

# **Jesus asks Peter “Do you love me?”**

### **Starting Point:**

Before we begin to read Scripture, Let’s take a moment to reflect on the power that Scripture holds. We not only read Our Bible because we believe that what it has to say is powerful and true, but also because it is the holy, living word of God. The entire Bible is God-Breathed and Divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit. As we approach the word of God today, take a moment to center yourself and remember to read Scripture with the power we believe it holds.

## **Scripture Reading:**

This morning lets open our Bible to John 21:15-19, but before we begin, lets dive into some context. To fully understand the grasp of what the Lord says to Peter in this moment John we need to know what happened to Peter before Jesus' Resurrection. In Matthew 26:69-75 Peter denies the lord 3 times. Now looking at John 21:15-19 details the moment after Jesus' resurrection where He asks Peter "Do you love me?" three times. Peter who After Jesus asked and Peter answered, Jesus twice gave Peter an instruction regarding how he should act towards God's people. The idea was that Peter could demonstrate his claimed love for Jesus by feeding Jesus' lambs and by tending Jesus' sheep. Jesus emphasized that they were His sheep, not Peter's. We end this passage with an incredible moment where Jesus then speaks into Peter's life, calling him to a higher standard.

## **Reflect:**

"Peter had thrice denied his Lord, and now Christ gives him an opportunity in some measure to repair his fault by a triple confession." Adam Clarke explains in Clarke's Commentary. It is an amazing truth that Jesus offers Peter this moment of public restoration.

It is a passage that shows us some key characteristics of Jesus. He is **Merciful**. He is **Forgiving**. He wants us to **Follow Him**. Regardless of how messy our situation is.

Jesus not only shows Peter forgiveness but also lifts him up. Calling Peter to follow Him at any cost. How amazing it is that we serve a God who is willing to step into our mess, mercifully forgive us, and call us to continue to follow him!

**Prayer:**

Using the prayer points below, take a *moment to pray*:

That we would follow Jesus daily.  
We remind ourselves of the Love that Jesus has for us.

For unity on our teams.

Thank God for sending His son Jesus to this Earth.

