

## RENEWAL, REMAKING AND RELEASING (PART III)

JOHN 21: 1-25

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INTRO: This is really a large subject. The whole idea that a person can be remade, a mind can be renewed, or that there can be a release of God Himself in a person. That is really what I mean by “release”. These are enticing terms, but what do they mean after all? I will be going over that more and more in the days ahead. Not because I have the answers, but because I am deep into the words of the One who does. You know that I almost never read 25 verses so you are thinking this will be long. No... If you just re-read the August 7, 2005 notes, you will pretty well have my thoughts today. I just want to highlight some things.

### THE SUPPLIER

John 21: 1-6 is a clear reminder that Jesus is really the supplier. You might say well, if I don't go to work, if I don't...., you know,... God helps those who help themselves. That's not a scripture as you know. God admires a person who puts his hand to the plow. BUT who really is the source of the plow, the energy, and the field the plow is in? I am more aware every day that He must be in the middle of all my ordinary activities if they are to become extraordinary. That's right, the mundane, rote, repetitive things of life can become extraordinary in Him. Pay attention to that. He already had fish and bread on the fire.

### THE SHADOWS

You never know where Jesus will manifest Himself. In verse one (1) He manifested Himself on the shore. I suppose He could have dropped in the middle of the water, or at least the boat. He doesn't always do that. Sometimes it seems He is in the shadows. Now, even when He is indwelling in our lives and literally driving us, it may not be apparent. We could be going about our Father's business as a matter of course. Putting our hand to the plow, and this voice, this shadow that we do not even recognize is behind our actions, our responses. I think the gifts of the Spirit are often like that. We are going about our duties, and somewhere out of the shadows of our business He speaks. “How are you doing? Are you producing? Maybe I am producing but it seems empty, or maybe I am not producing much for the effort, OH but let Jesus get in the middle of my activity and watch what happens. **YOU ARE THINKING BIG OR LOT'S OF FISH AREN'T YOU?** I am not speaking of that. Look at 21:7. John cries out it is JESUS, and Peter jumps out half dressed at best, not aware of anything but the presence of God. It could have been no fish or tons of fish, but that doesn't matter at this point. NOT to Peter, something is happened. Jesus, just Jesus being there is far more than full nets. I want to know that when I don't feel Him, when I don't see Him, when it isn't big religious activity, Jesus, though in the shadows, is still in the middle of it all. I don't always see, He does.

### THE SUPPER

In John 21: 12 Jesus said “Come and Dine.” This word dine is the *principal meal*. *The word come is in the imperative*. **COME AND DINE**. Bread and fish, 5000 people or the disciples, Jesus provides fellowship. In Revelation 3:20 He says I will go in and DINE with him. The words are synonyms. Are you more intrigued by the **fish, or the fellowship?** **I want the fellowship in my life Jesus, even when there are no fish apparent. Even when the material miracles are not seen, give me the miracle of the Master on the seashore, seeing me when I am not aware, moving in my life when MY results are discouraging, and MAKING me new. New in my thinking, new in my desires, new in my measurements of what is important. I want to be jumping in the water because I have seen “THE LORD”. Dining with Him is my greatest miracle.**