



BELIEVE

The Gospel of **John**

A night scene of a wildfire. The sky is a deep orange-red, filled with falling embers and sparks. In the foreground, several palm trees are silhouetted against the bright fire. One palm tree on the left is particularly prominent, with its fronds blowing in the wind. In the background, a large fire is burning, with bright yellow and orange flames rising into the air. The overall atmosphere is one of intense heat and destruction.

Prayer for all affected by CA wildfires.

- Suppression of active fire**
- Help for those who lost family / friends**
- Gospel hope & restoration**

John 21:1-22
The Restoring Love of God



I am Peter, so are you.



1 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.

John 21:1-3



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.

John 21:4-7



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.

John 21:8-11



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 21:12-14



15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, 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



16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." **17** He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, 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 everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

John 21:16-17



18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” **19** (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

John 21:18-19



20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” **21** When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” **22** Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

John 21:20-22



I am Peter, so are you:



I am Peter, so are you:

- Fail to obey God's design & purpose for our lives**
- Retreat to 'Safe' spaces rather than trusting God full**
- Compare ourselves with others leading to self-pity or pride**
- Spiritually Bankrupt: Unable to be the person we most long to be**
- Desperate for the grace of God to save us & sustain us today**

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, **23** but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. **24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 7:21-24



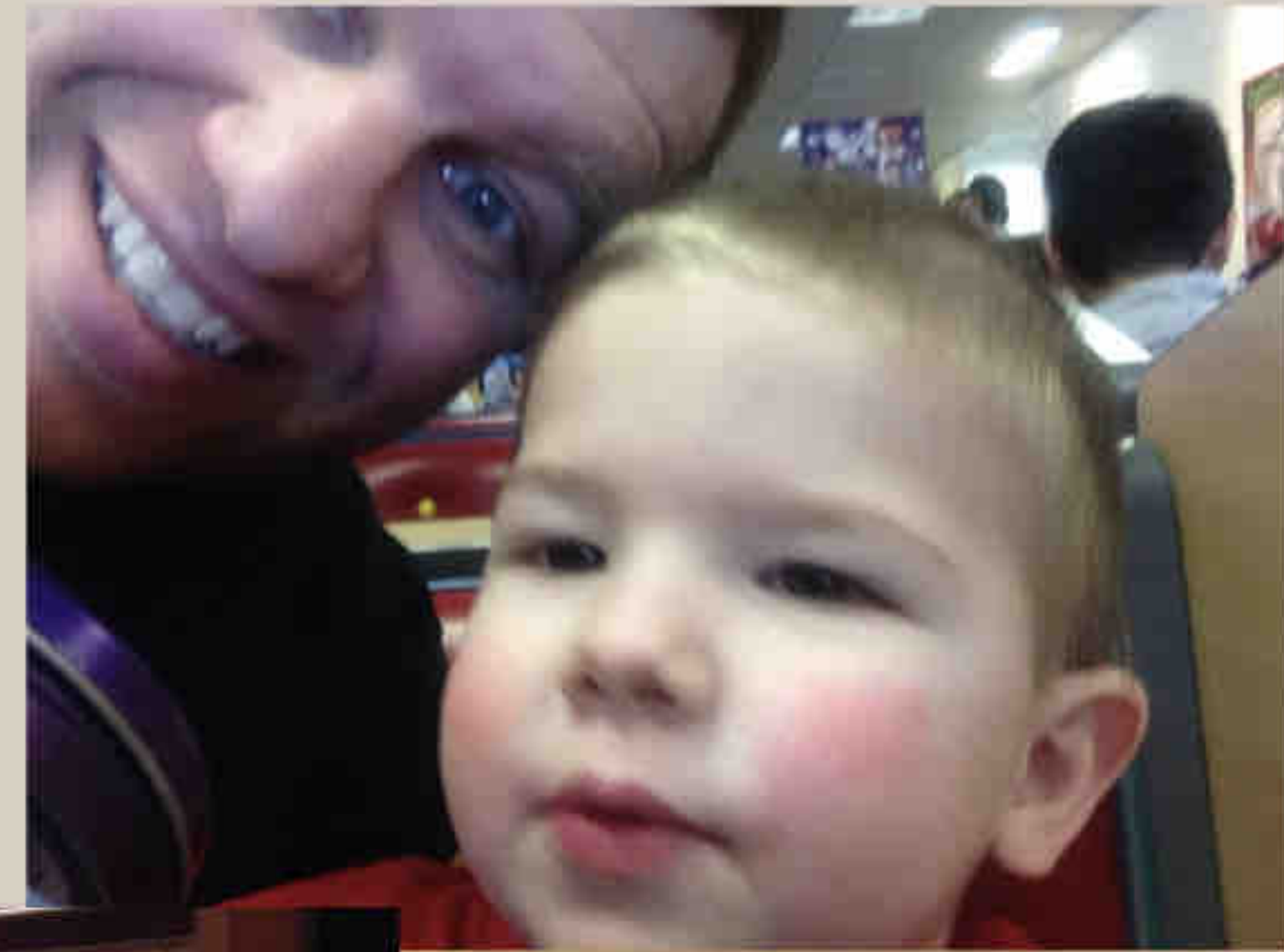
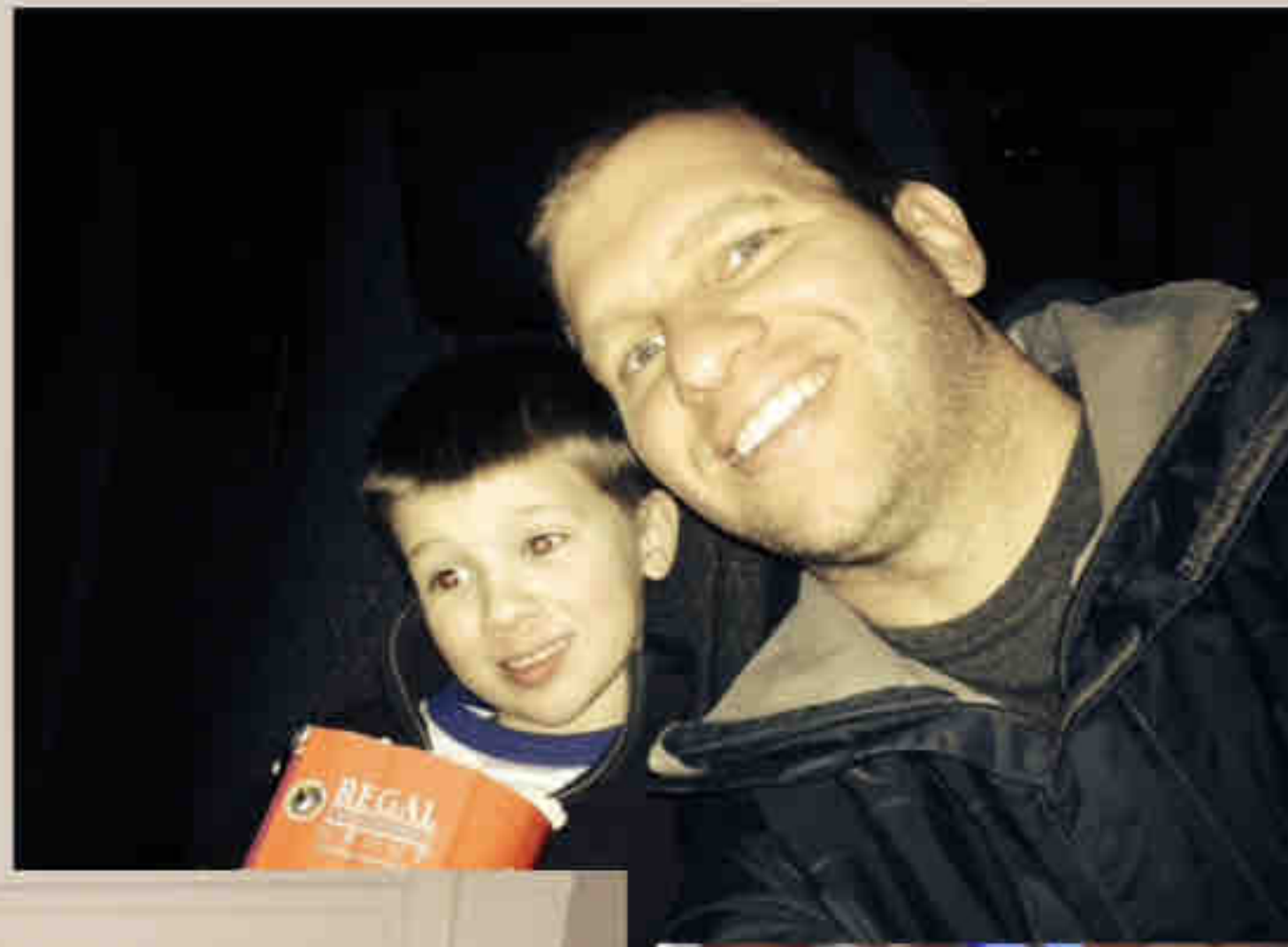
2 following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

Ephesians 2:2



My Restoration Story:

- Depression
- Pride / Self-Pity
- Hopelessness



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8. Jesus **defeats** the corrupting force of comparison (vs. 20-23)

“The unexpected power of John 21 is that it’s not just a story about forgiveness. It’s a testimony and invitation into a reconciled relationship with the resurrected Christ. His words are for us as much as they were Peter.

“Do you love me?...Follow me!”

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8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:8-10



38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



How will you respond?

1. Confess your sins / shame to Jesus to receive His healing

Then, share with a spiritual friend / mentor; asking for their prayerful support, accountability to living in Gospel Truth.

- When you fall short in your commitment to Jesus run TOWARD Him to be restored & rekindled by His Grace!

2. Communion with God by grace found in Jesus

- Create a name tag / bookmark to declare who you are because of Jesus' restoration.





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