

# ★ THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways than presents.
3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true meaning of Christmas.
5. To initiate an act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.

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# KEEPING SCORE

WHAT WE LOSE WHEN WE KEEP SCORE

- Nov 05 » Lose Count of Offenses
- Nov 12 » Lose Count of What We Have Given
- Nov 19 » Lose Count of Our Righteousness
- Nov 26 » Lose Count of Our Failures

## Prayer REQUESTS

### ▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III
- Gearen Family
- Tom M.
- Stein Family
- Ryan K.
- Tyler M.
- Mandy W.
- Dave. O

### ▶ HEALTH ISSUES

- Art B. » Health Issues
- Armando » Back Issues
- Karla D. » Cancer Recovery
- Mandy W. » Cancer
- Maggie B. » Chemotherapy
- Merle » Health Issues
- Carlos V. » Health Issues
- Angie & Family » Life Issues
- Samantha B. » Health Issues
- Bob A. Healing/Kidney
- Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg
- Robert G. » Health Issues
- Kevin K. » Health Issues
- Angela A. » Health Issues
- Michelle H. » Leukemia
- Janschek » Family Grief
- Jonathan H. » Viral Meningitis
- Lucille S. » Health Issues
- Bill L. » Health Issues
- Kim » Family Issues
- Laura S. » Health Issues
- Augustin A. » Sobriety
- Hector S. » Job Issues

### METRICS THAT MATTER (11/19/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 38    GIVING ▶ \$1,210    GUESTS ▶ 0  
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15    DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

### JESUS REVEALED HIMSELF

#### AGAIN...(FOR PETER'S SAKE)

- Peter made a fool of himself.
- Displayed lots of BRAVADO—  
“Even if all those losers forsake you, I never will.”
- When Jesus was arrested, Peter stood around a fire and two teenaged girls embarrassed him.
- “Hey are you one of Jesus’ disciples?”
- “Never heard of him.”
- So after the third time he was asked.
- The rooster crowed!
- You think—that’s it...God’s plans for me are over.

### SIMON PETER GOES FISHING AGAIN

- He was *depressed* over his failure.
- Some other disciples went with him.
- They fished all night and caught nothing.
- As day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore.
- The disciples didn’t know it was him.
- Jesus said, “Cast your nets on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”
- When they did, they caught a net full of fish!
- Peter is told it is the Lord standing on the shore.

### PETER DOES WHAT HE DOES

#### BEST: PERFORMANCE

*When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” 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 21:9-11***

**CHECK THIS OUT: STRENUOUS EFFORT—SWIMMING; HAULING THE NET BY HIMSELF: “LOOK JESUS, I’VE GOT THIS!”**

**[HE FEELS THE NEED TO PROVE HIMSELF]**

**PETER HAS YET TO FIND THE “SWEET SPOT” IN JESUS.**

THERE IS GRACE AND LOVE IN JESUS BUT HE’S NOT LEARNED TO REST IN HIM.

Peter has been a “plate spinner”—from one ministry to the next.

*The gospel is that Jesus has given you his acceptance as a gift. The work is complete. There is really nothing you could do to make God love you more!*

## **JESUS ASKS THE POINTED QUESTIONS?**

- 1** “SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?”
- 2** “DO YOU LOVE ME?”
- 3** “PETER, DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?”

## **PETER’S FOUR DEADLY SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS**

Peter’s pride and confidence in his abilities kept him in some deadly spiritual conditions:

- 1.** It made him unsure of his relationship to God—have I done enough?
- 2.** It left him spiritually weak because his own sense of strength kept him from depending on Jesus.
- 3.** It kept Peter self-focused—on how well he’s doing.
- 4.** Unable to help others in weakness.



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