

Where is God?

An Easter Devotion from John 21

Have you ever asked that question?

We can look around at society and see the tragedies in our world and wonder... Where are you, Lord?

Think of a time in your life when you've felt lost or distant or like God is not where you thought He would be.

Even though the disciples spent approximately 1,095 days with Him and He told them in the Gospels "I'm going to leave, but I'll be back," they probably wondered the same thing.

Jesus was their best friend! Their Brother, Teacher, Confidant, Roommate and Redeemer was just forcefully murdered right in front of their eyes. I know that sounds awful, and I'm sure it was. I'm sure they were all devastated.

No doubt, they spent the next couple of days in mourning. Darkness had filled the air, their hearts, maybe even their homes. Then Peter, probably weighty and wanting to shake the heaviness, announces, "I'm going fishing!" I got to do something to get my mind off of the pain.

He loads the boat and a few friends join him. Maybe they were numb by now. Maybe the emotions had waned, but again, they didn't get the outcome they'd hoped for. They fished all night and caught nothing! This trip was supposed to be refreshing. They were supposed to be good at fishing. They desperately needed a breakthrough and joy to come in their mourning. They may have even cried out, "Where are you Lord?!"

Alas! On the shore, a Man stands and calls, "Cast your nets on the other side!" They do, and the fish start flooding in. But were the fish really the answer?

Are your bills being paid really the answer? Is that job promotion really the answer?

More money? That physical healing? Your relationships being restored and that prodigal coming home?

No. That's just Him filling the nets.

The answer to Where are you Lord?

He's the Man on the shore. He's the One you heard calling, but didn't recognize until the nets were full.

He's closer than you think and He always will be. He will never leave you or forsake you. He's the fish in the net and the fish on the fire. He's the provision and the provider.

Let's pray and take a moment to look on the shore of our hearts and see Jesus.