

1 Peter Series

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What Does “Pastor” Mean?

Shepherding in the New Testament

1 Peter 5:1–4, John 21:1–17



**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

1 Pet. 5:1, “The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder.

**πρεσβύτερος *presbuteros*
acc masc plur comp older;
elder**

1 Pet. 5:2, “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers,”

**ποιμαίνω *poimainō* aor act impera 2
plur to shepherd, feed**

**ἐπισκοπέω *episkopeō* pres act part
masc plur nom to manage, oversee,
take care of**

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

The Shepherd



Questions

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- 2. When did the Church begin?**
- 3. How did leadership develop in the early Church as described in Acts?**
- 4. How did leadership develop in the early centuries of the Church Age?
What are the 3 basic forms of Church government?**
- 5. What are the scriptural terms used for biblical leaders?**
- 6. What are the roles of deacons and elders?**
- 7. How many elders should there be?**

Acts 20:17, “From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.”

Acts 20:28, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”

ἐπίσκοπος *episkopos*

Noun

acc masc plur

**overseer, bishop,
guardian**

ποιμαίνω *poimainō* Verb

pres act infin

to shepherd, feed

Elder = Office, reference to spiritual maturity

Bishop = The function of the office

Pastor = The role and responsibility, to feed the sheep through teaching.

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Conclusion:

Leads

Guides

Feeds

Secures

Restores

Protects

Corrects

Deut. 8:3, “So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”

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Two Key Elements for Interpretation

1. Context

2. Key words: Synonyms

The Importance of Context

- 1. The overall context of the Gospel of John**
- 2. The immediate context of chapter 21**
- 3. The context of the dispensational shift**

Two Major Themes in *John*

- **The acquisition of life, John 20:20–31**
- **The sustenance of life, life abundant,
John 10:10, “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”**

Eight Signs

- 1. Water into wine, John 2:1–12**
- 2. Healing the nobleman's son from a distance, John 4:46–54**
- 3. Healing at Bethsaida, John 5:1–15**
- 4. Feeding the 5,000, John 6:1–14**
- 5. Walking on the water, John 6:15–21**
- 6. Healing the man born blind, John 9:1–7**
- 7. Raising Lazarus, John 11:1–44**
- 8. Resurrection, John 20:24–29 (2:18–19)**

John 20:30, “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

John 20:31, “but these [signs] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ [Messiah], the Son of God, and that [by] believing you may have life in His name.”

Two principles we note from the surrounding context of John:

- 1. The believer must be consistently and frequently fed to be properly nourished and to grow spiritually.**
- 2. The growing and maturing believer is characterized by love for other believers.**

The Key Word in John 13–21 is Love

***Agapao* 37×, in John, 7× before ch. 13,
20× between ch. 13–16**

**Love is a major theme, but not used at all in ch.
17–20**

**Noun used 7×, only 1× before ch. 13, 5× in ch. 15,
1× in ch. 17**

***Phileo*: 13× only 4× before ch. 13**

***Philos*: 6× only 2× before ch. 13**

John 15:9, “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.”

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 15:12, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:13, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

John 13:1, “Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”

John 14:21, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

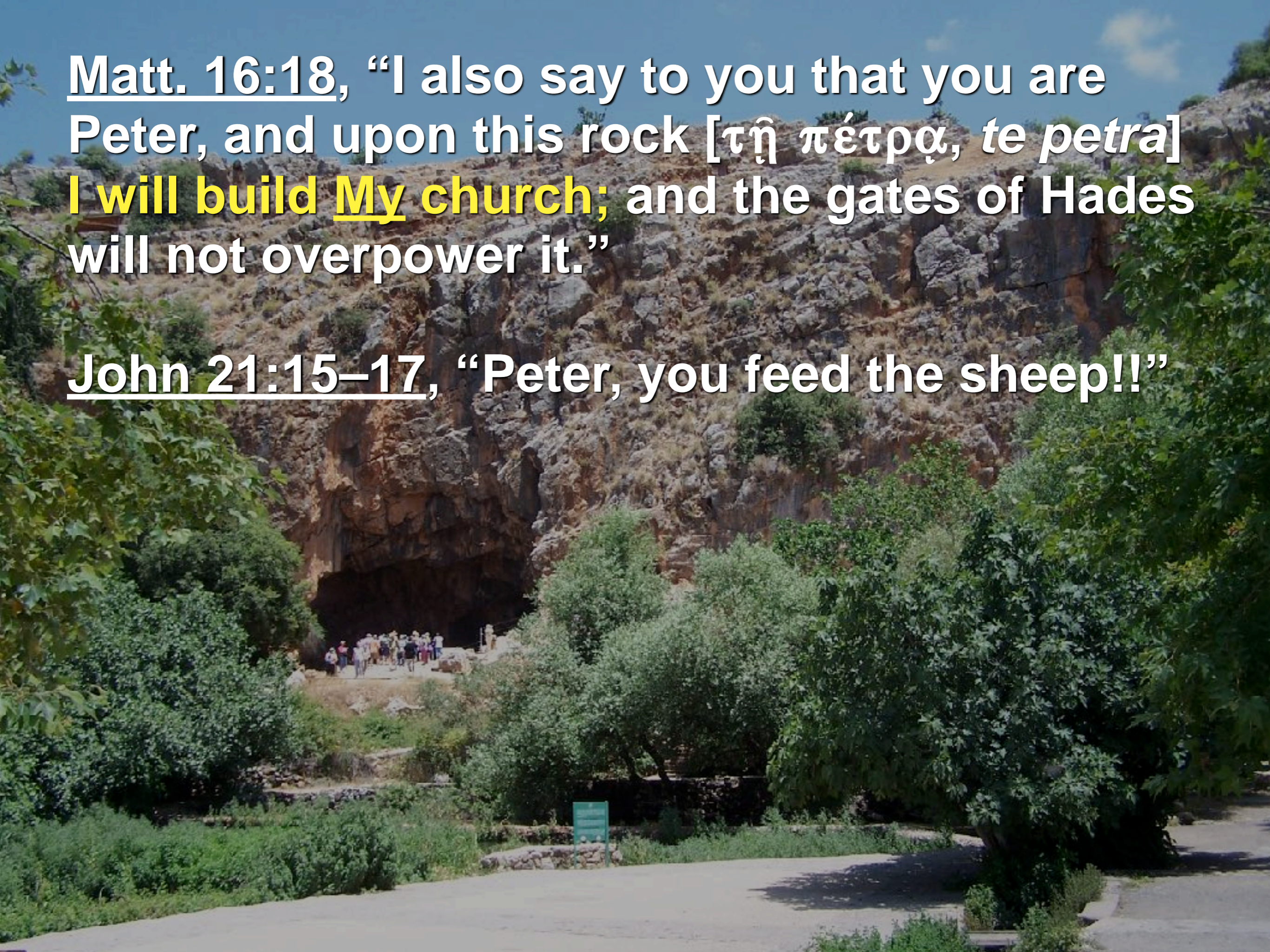
John 14:23, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.’ ”

John 14:24, “He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.”

John 15:10, “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

Matt. 16:18, “I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock [τῆ πέτρα, *te petra*] I will build **My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”

John 21:15–17, “Peter, you feed the sheep!!”



Jeremiah 15:16, “Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.”

1 Pet. 2:2, “as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”

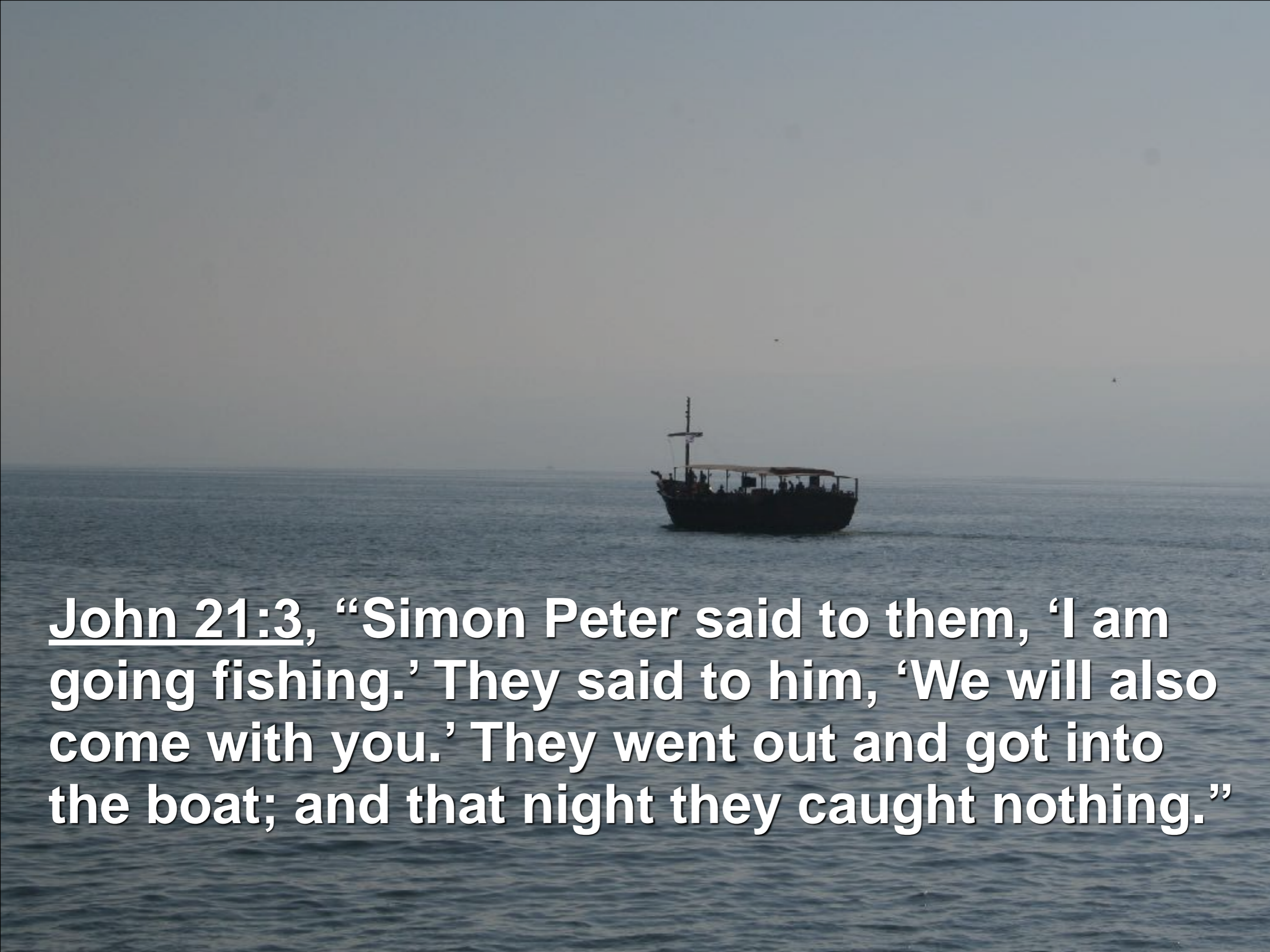
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John 21:1, “After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way.

John 21:2, “Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.”



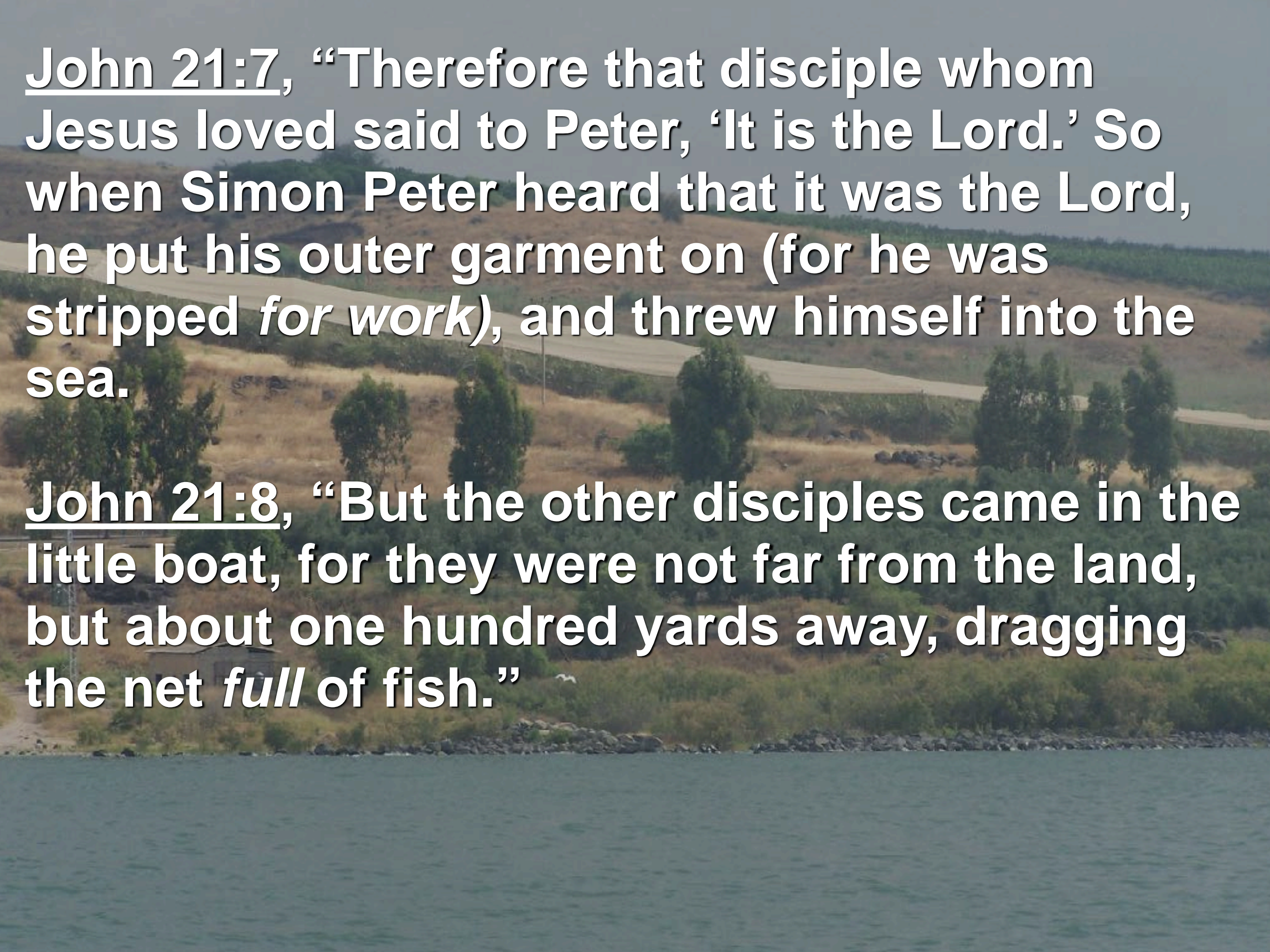
John 21:3, “Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will also come with you.’ They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.”

John 21:4, “But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

John 21:5, “So Jesus *said to them, ‘Children, you do not have any fish, do you?’ They answered Him, ‘No.’ ”





A scenic view of a body of water with a rocky shoreline and rolling hills in the background. The hills are covered in dry, yellowish-brown grass and scattered green trees. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

John 21:7, “Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord.’ So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work*), and threw himself into the sea.

John 21:8, “But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net *full* of fish.”

John 21:9, “So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal **fire *already laid and fish placed*** on it, and bread.

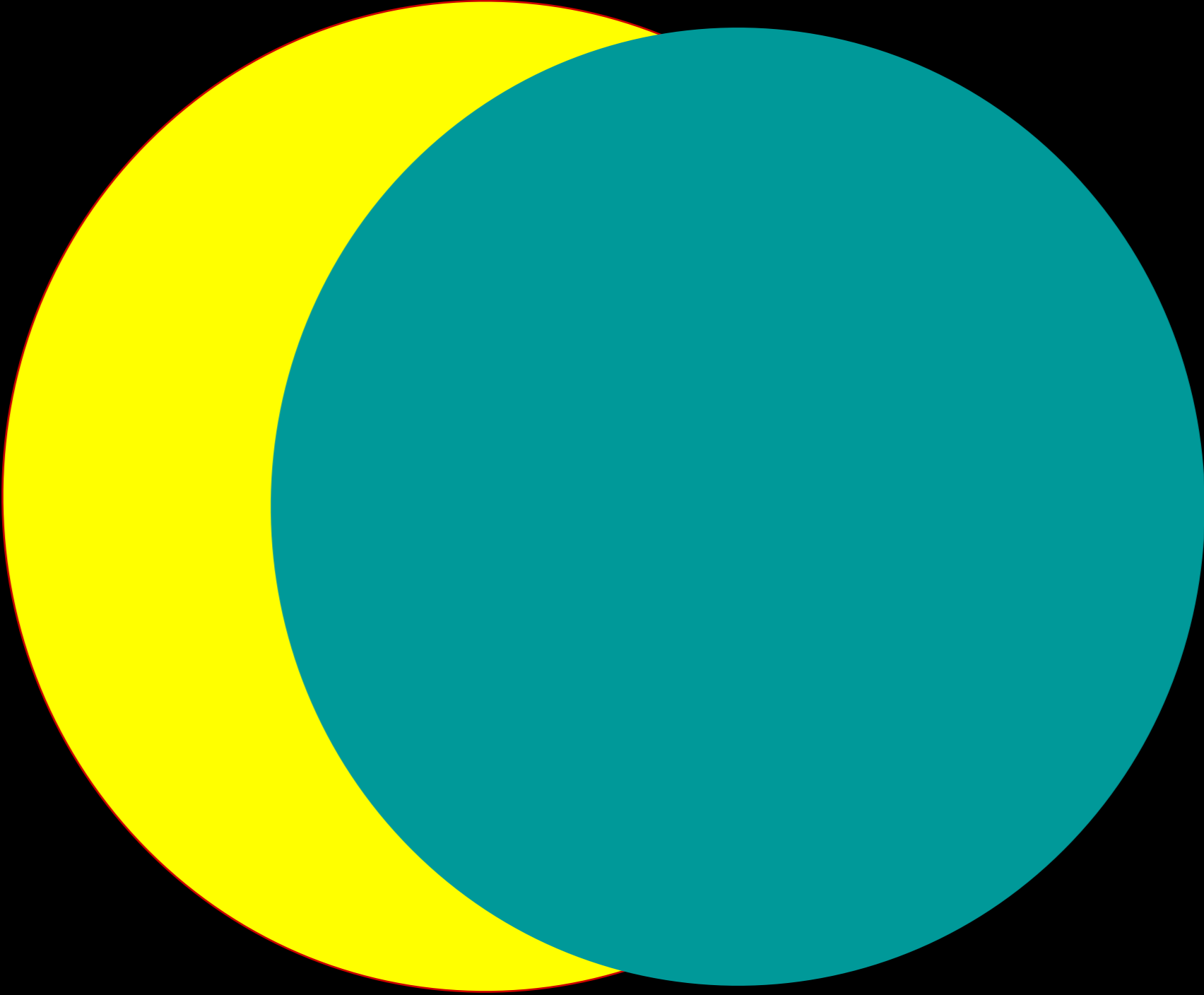
John 21:10, “Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.’”

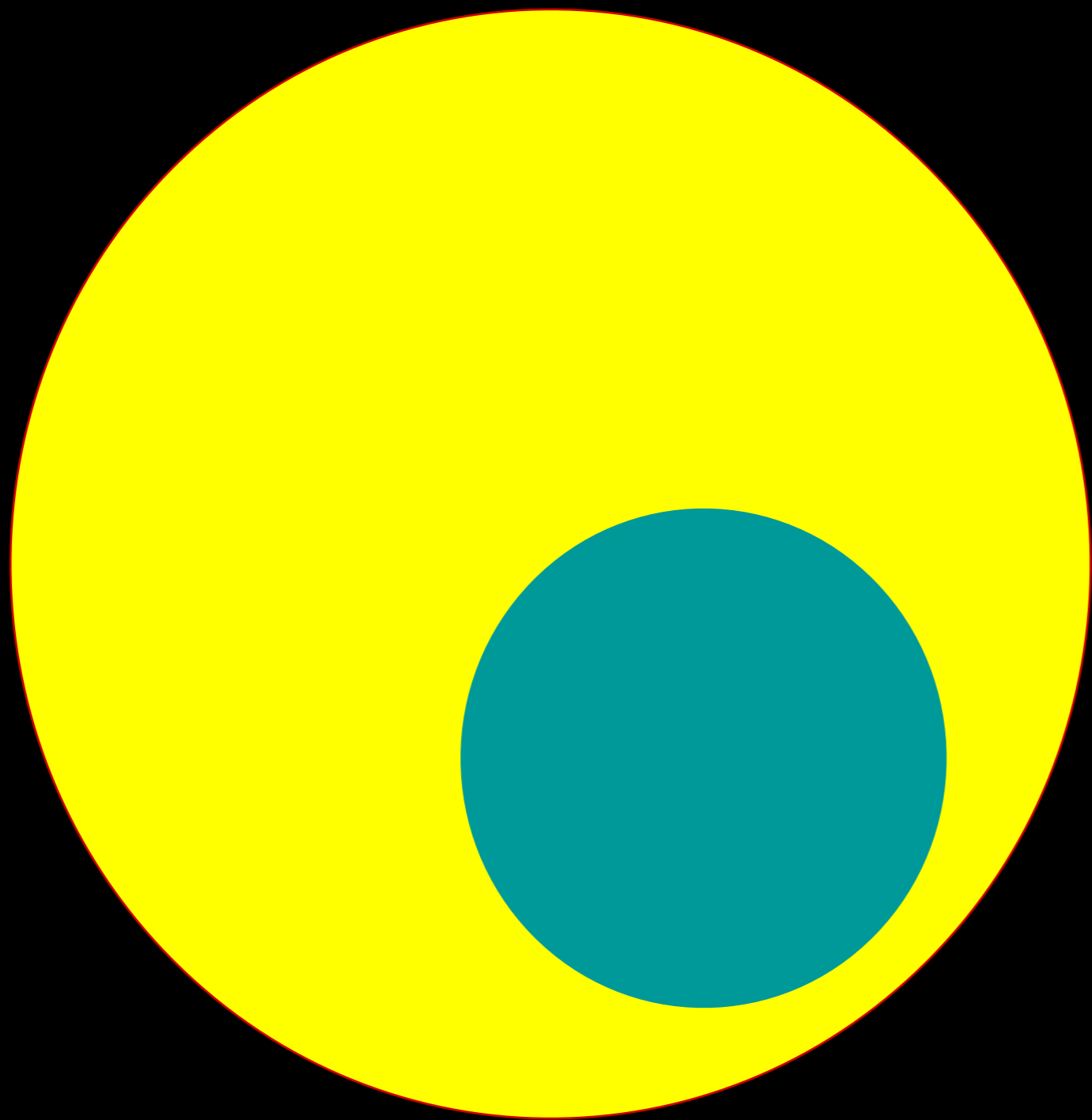
John 21:11, “Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.”

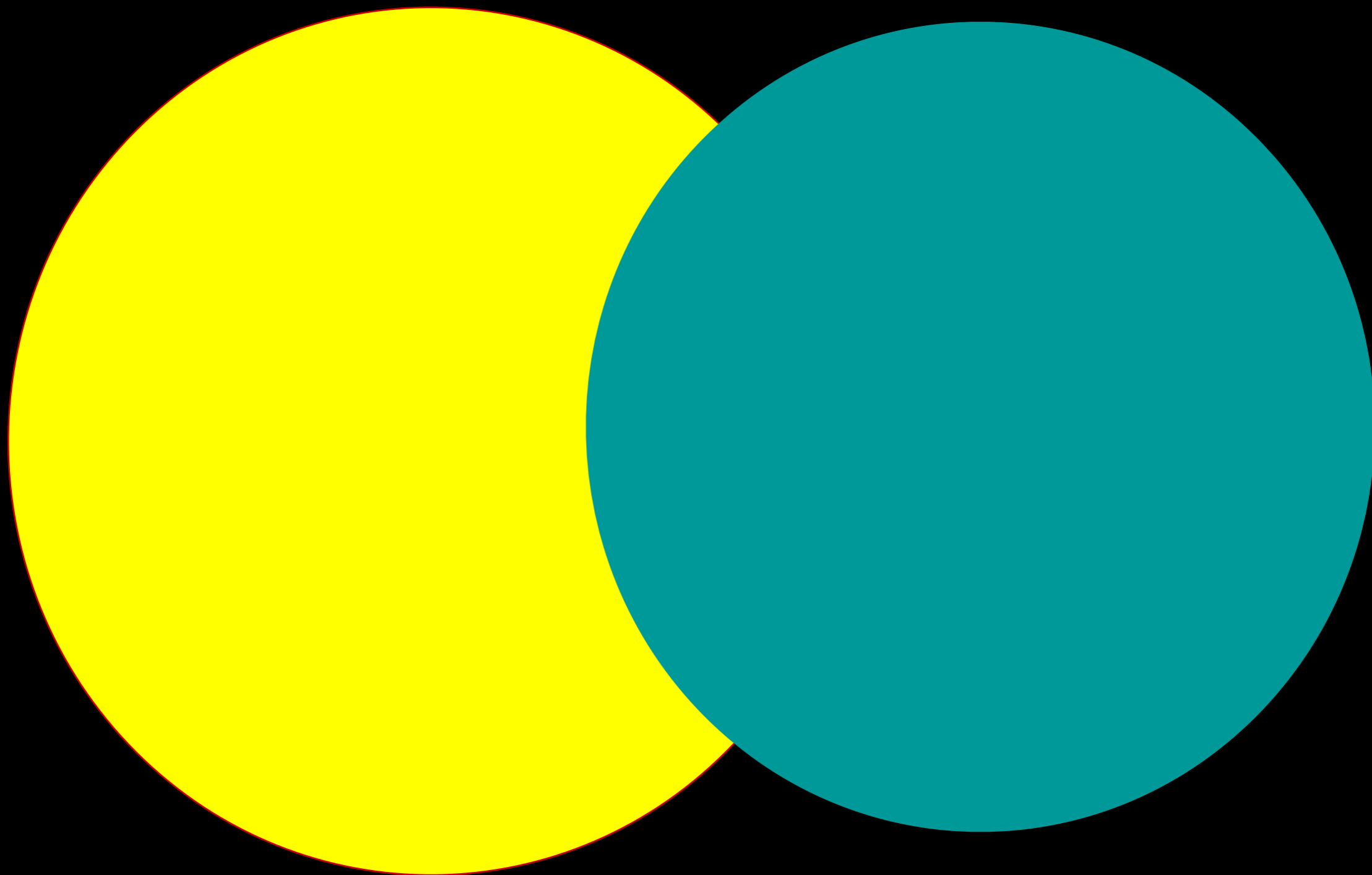


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John 21:15, “So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?’

He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, ‘Feed My lambs.’ ”



Expanded vs. 15:

Simon, do you love [*agape*] me more than these others? [Have you learned the lesson of humility yet?]

He said to Him, Yes Lord You know from Your omniscience that I now have an intimate, intense love for You [now that I have been forgiven and understand what grace is all about!]

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“The distinction, notwithstanding, is very far from fanciful. βόσκω [*bosko*], the Latin ‘*pascere*,’ is simply ‘to feed:’ but ποιμαίνω [*poimainō*] involves much more; the whole office of the shepherd, the guiding, guarding, folding of the flock, as well as the finding of nourishment for it.”

~Trench, *Synonyms of the New Testament*

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[the spiritually young]!**

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Paraphrase vs. 16:

He said to him again a second time: Simon son of John, do you love [*agape*] Me?

Peter said to Jesus: Yes, Lord You know from Your omniscience that I have an intense intimate love for You.

Jesus said to him: Lead My sheep through the teaching of doctrine.

“sheep” *probata*, focuses on all ages, perhaps with a hint of their defenselessness

John 21:17, “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 all things; You know that I love You.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend My sheep.’ ”

Paraphrase vs. 17

Jesus said to him the third time, Simon son of John, do you really have this intimate, intense love for Me?

Peter is grieved because He said to him the third time: Do you love [*phileo*] Me?

And Peter replied, Lord, You know all things (*oida* indicates omniscience). You know (*ginosko*, from experience) You have seen with Your own eyes my response to Your forgiveness and the change in me because of the resurrection, You have this experiential knowledge of my intense love for You.

Peter, feed [*Boske*] all My sheep [*probata*].

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