

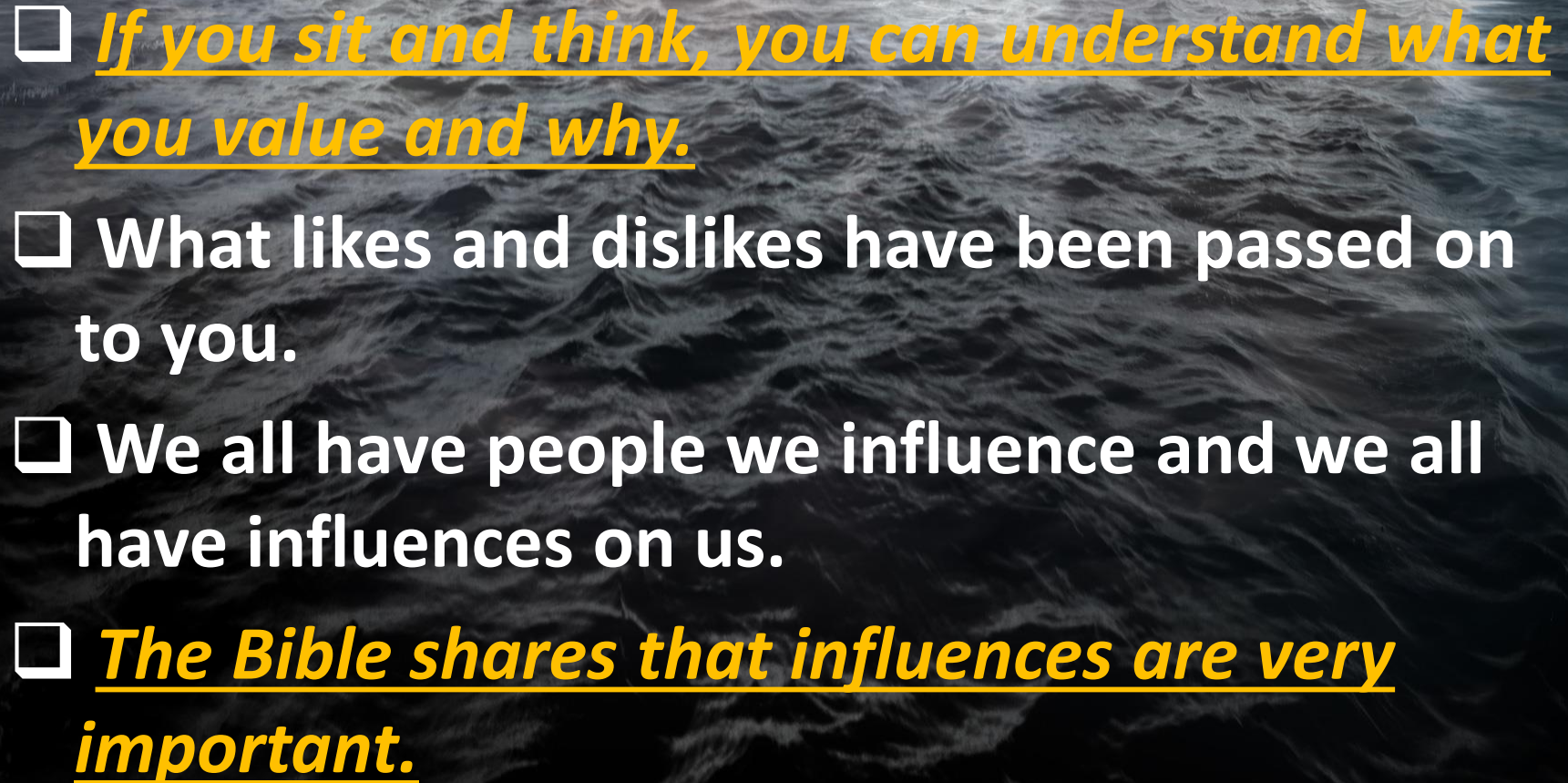
Battling Against ...

THE
Perfect Storm

COVID 19

What is Next...

- Mothers Day “Drive In Church” May 10th
 - 10:15 start of Worship, service to follow.
 - Stay in the Car – tune into FM broadcaster.
OR roll down windows and listen to sound.
 - No Children’s activities / No Nursery – We must remain in social Distance.
 - Staff will lay hands on cars and pray for occupants

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- ❑ *If you sit and think, you can understand what you value and why.*
 - ❑ What likes and dislikes have been passed on to you.
 - ❑ We all have people we influence and we all have influences on us.
 - ❑ *The Bible shares that influences are very important.*

LIFE LESSON FROM PETER:

- ❑ *Study Peter, (Quick look) he does a great job role modeling the power an Influencer has.*
- ❑ *We see in John the first mention of Peter in the 1st chapter and he is mentioned in the last chapter and most chapters in between.*
- ❑ BE MINDFUL OF INFLUENCES
- ❑ JUMP OUT OF THE BOAT
- ❑ PUT JESUS FIRST

Highlights of Peter

- ❑ In John 1, Peter is Shown the Messiah and Prophesied over.
- ❑ In John 6, Peter declares that he would not desert Jesus because Jesus has the words of life.
- ❑ In John 13, Peter doesn't want Jesus to wash his feet because he feels unworthy.
- ❑ In John 13, Peter declares he would lay his life down for Jesus.

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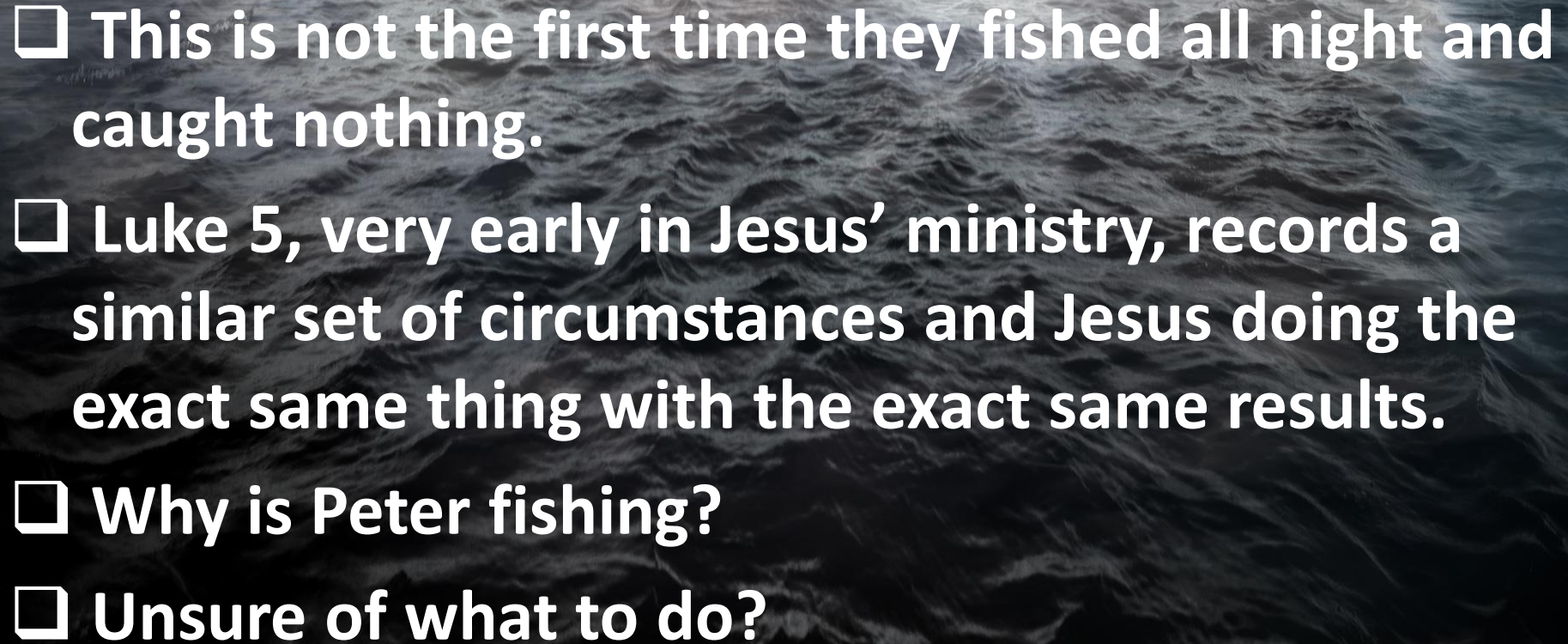
- ❑ In John 18, Peter defends Jesus with a sword when He is arrested.
- ❑ In John 18, Peter three times denies he even knows Jesus.
- ❑ In John 20, Peter discovers the empty tomb.
- ❑ Then in John 21...

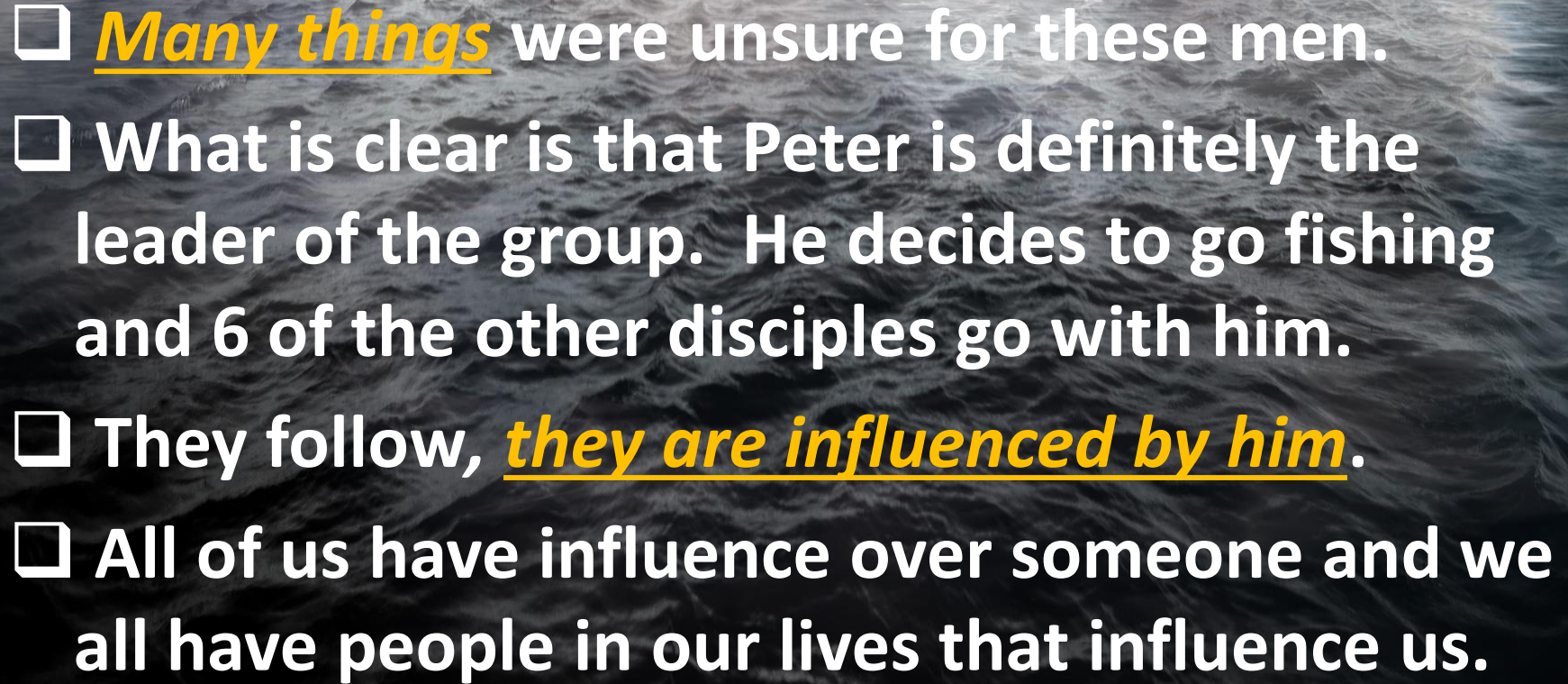
John 1:40-42 (ESV)

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. *Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).*

... John 21:1-3 – After Ressurrection

21 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.

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- ❑ This is not the first time they fished all night and caught nothing.
 - ❑ Luke 5, very early in Jesus' ministry, records a similar set of circumstances and Jesus doing the exact same thing with the exact same results.
 - ❑ Why is Peter fishing?
 - ❑ Unsure of what to do?

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- ❑ Many things were unsure for these men.
 - ❑ What is clear is that Peter is definitely the leader of the group. He decides to go fishing and 6 of the other disciples go with him.
 - ❑ They follow, they are influenced by him.
 - ❑ All of us have influence over someone and we all have people in our lives that influence us.

- ❑ We should be mindful of our influence of others *and the influences we allow in our lives.*
- ❑ Could Peter have led them to pray? Could Peter have led them to be patient? Yes, *Yes, but He didn't.*
- ❑ Peter is perhaps depressed, unsure, and restless all at the same time and that is having an influence on the other disciples.
- ❑ They “Follow Him.”

Chose Who Influences You.

- ❑ Proverbs 13:20, “He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.”
- ❑ Proverbs 27:17, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”
- ❑ 1 Corinthians 15:33, “Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’”

Galatians 5:7-10, "You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? 8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the One who calls you. 9 "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." 10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be."

John 21:7-8 – Get out of the Boat

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) *and jumped into the water.* 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

Amidst all those issues, he jumped out of the boat.

- ❑ Jumping out of the boat means:
 - ❑ having great love for Jesus Christ.
 - ❑ having excitement about our relationship with Him.
 - ❑ pushing back doubt and fear and putting faith in its place.
- ❑ Jumping out of the boat is wholehearted loyalty to Jesus Christ not denying Him 3 times.

READ John 21:9-17

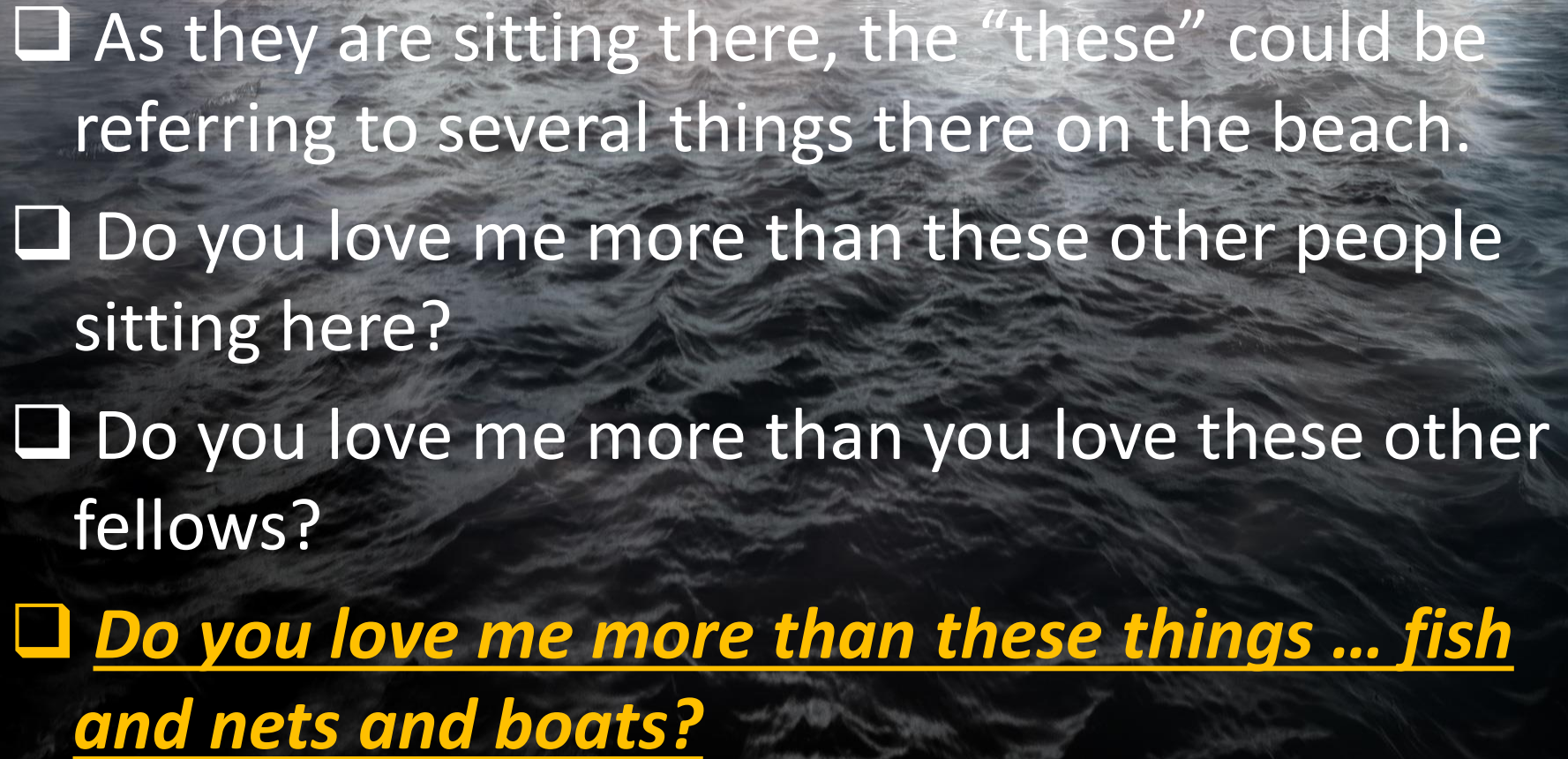
9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." 11 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

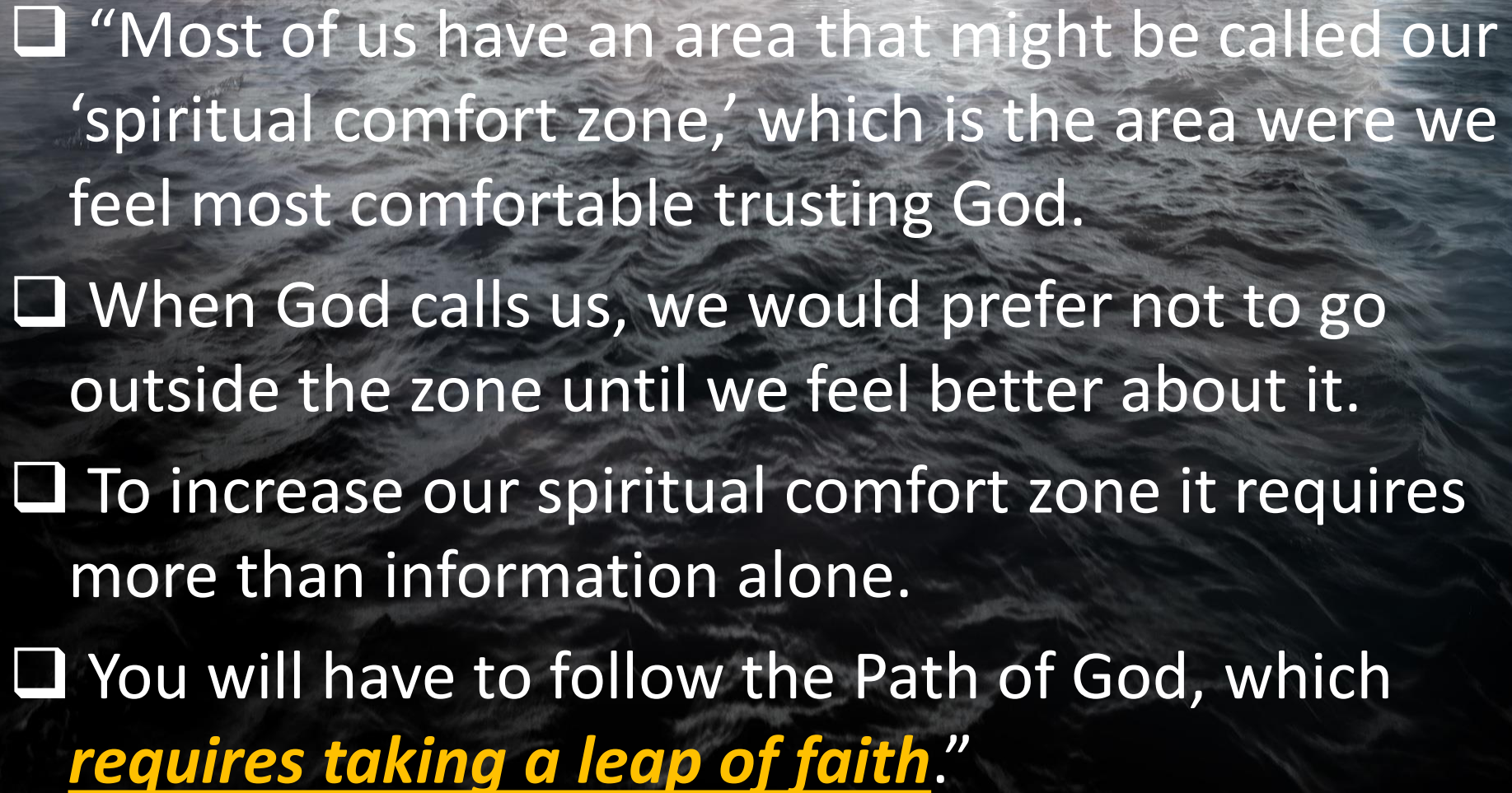
13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 ***When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"*** "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

3 Questions 3 Answers

- ❑ The three questions Jesus asks Peter in these verses are in direct contrast to Peter's three denials.
- ❑ Three denials. Three answers.
- ❑ Three affirmations of love.
- ❑ Jesus is erasing Peter's guilt and shame and doubt and mistake and sin one question at a time.

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- ❑ As they are sitting there, the “these” could be referring to several things there on the beach.
 - ❑ Do you love me more than these other people sitting here?
 - ❑ Do you love me more than you love these other fellows?
 - ❑ ***Do you love me more than these things ... fish and nets and boats?***

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." **Jesus said, "Feed my sheep**

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- ❑ “Most of us have an area that might be called our ‘spiritual comfort zone,’ which is the area where we feel most comfortable trusting God.
 - ❑ When God calls us, we would prefer not to go outside the zone until we feel better about it.
 - ❑ To increase our spiritual comfort zone it requires more than information alone.
 - ❑ You will have to follow the Path of God, which ***requires taking a leap of faith.***”

It will be different for each of us.

- Peter do you love me above all else?
- That is the most important question.
- Through the process of the three questions Jesus was taking Peter from an intellectual decision to follow Him to one of the heart.

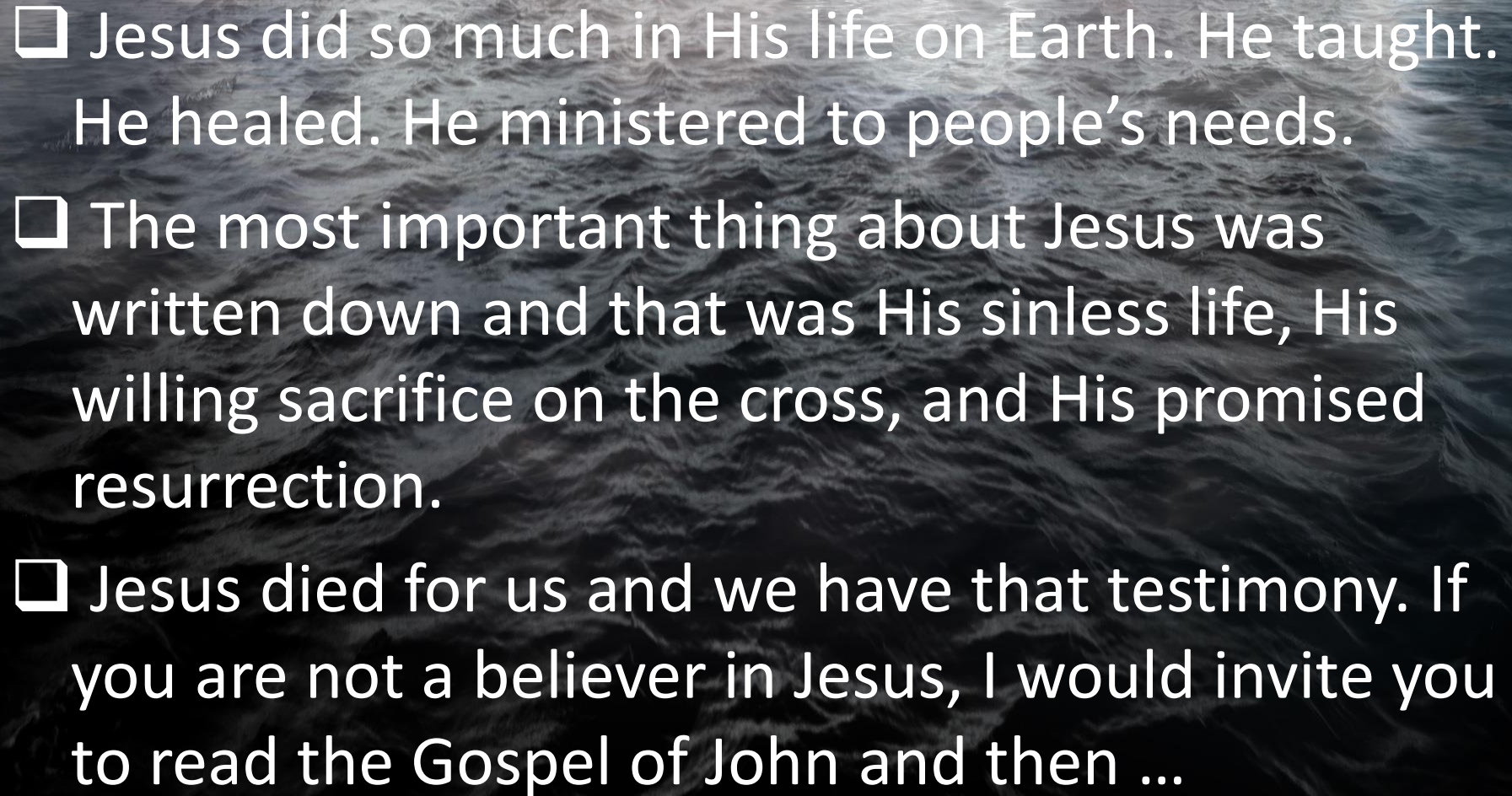
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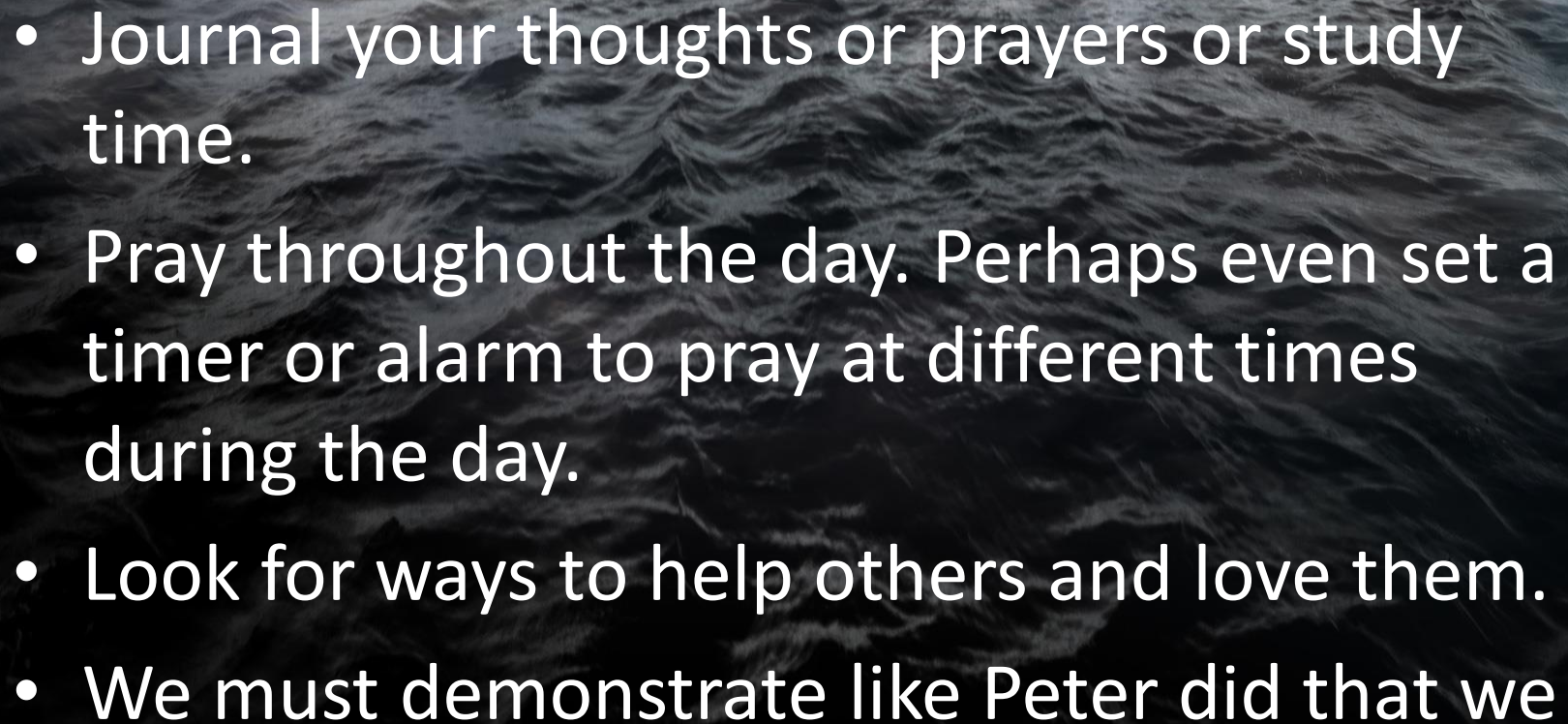
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- The very last verse of John 21 is the last verse of the book and it says in concluding the Gospel of John.

Last verses of John John 21:24-25

“This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.”



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- ❑ Jesus did so much in His life on Earth. He taught. He healed. He ministered to people's needs.
 - ❑ The most important thing about Jesus was written down and that was His sinless life, His willing sacrifice on the cross, and His promised resurrection.
 - ❑ Jesus died for us and we have that testimony. If you are not a believer in Jesus, I would invite you to read the Gospel of John and then ...

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- Journal your thoughts or prayers or study time.
 - Pray throughout the day. Perhaps even set a timer or alarm to pray at different times during the day.
 - Look for ways to help others and love them.
 - We must demonstrate like Peter did that we





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