

Sketches



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3. What does it mean that Jesus desires to “propel us into a season of net-breaking, heart-restoring blessing”? What would your current spiritual life look like if it were net-breaking and heart-restoring?
4. **Read John 21:15-17.** For Peter, restoration is paired with his mission, which teaches us that as we become more fully-devoted to Jesus, we must become more fully-devoted to His Church. How are you doing at being completely devoted to His Church? What are some practical ways you can be more involved in the mission of Jesus through the local church?
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