

# Matthew Series

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# MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**Resurrection Evidence:**

**Feed My Sheep**

**John 21:1–17**

# **Eight Signs in John**

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

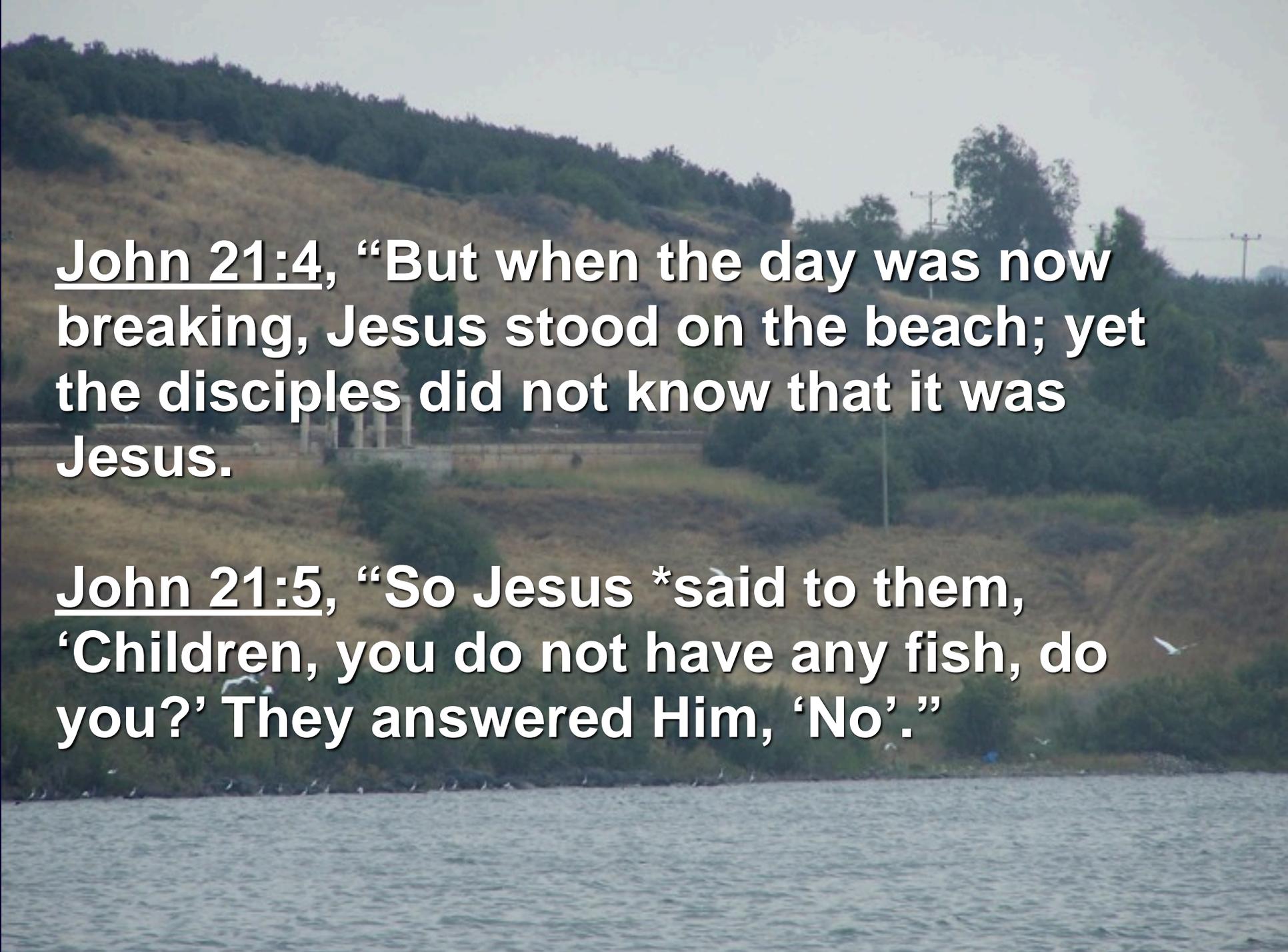
**John 20:31, “but these [signs] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ [Messiah], the Son of God, and that [by] believing you may have life in His name.”**

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





**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’.”

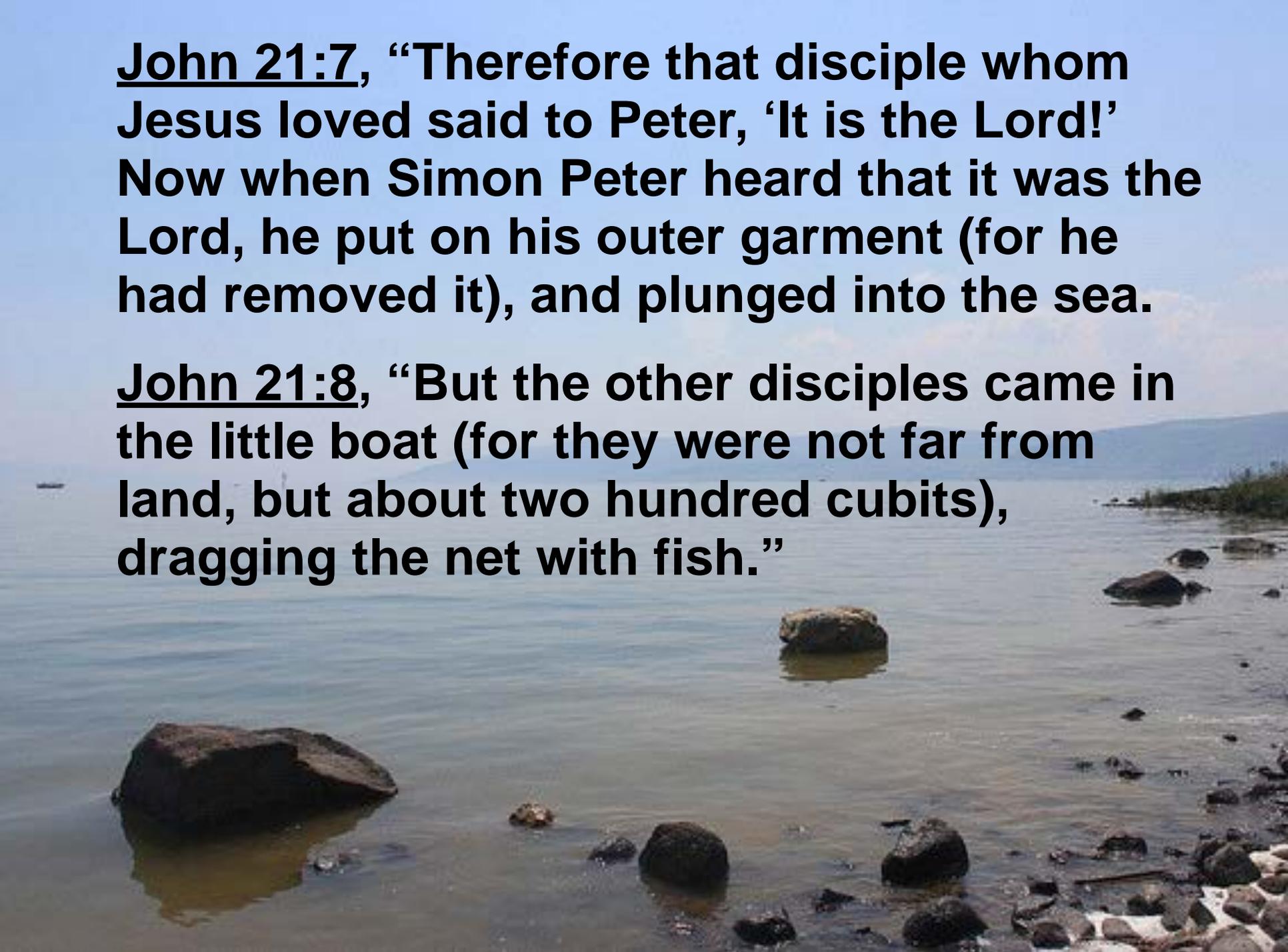






**John 21:7, “Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.**

**John 21:8, “But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.”**



**John 21:9**, “Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

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



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

**John 21:12, “Jesus said to them, ‘Come and eat breakfast.’ Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, ‘Who are You?’—knowing that it was the Lord.**

**John 21:13, “Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.”**

**John 21:15, “So when they had finished breakfast,**

**Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?’**

**He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’**

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**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.’**

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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 20:30–31
- 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.”**

## **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***

**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 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.”**

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***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**

***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 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.”**

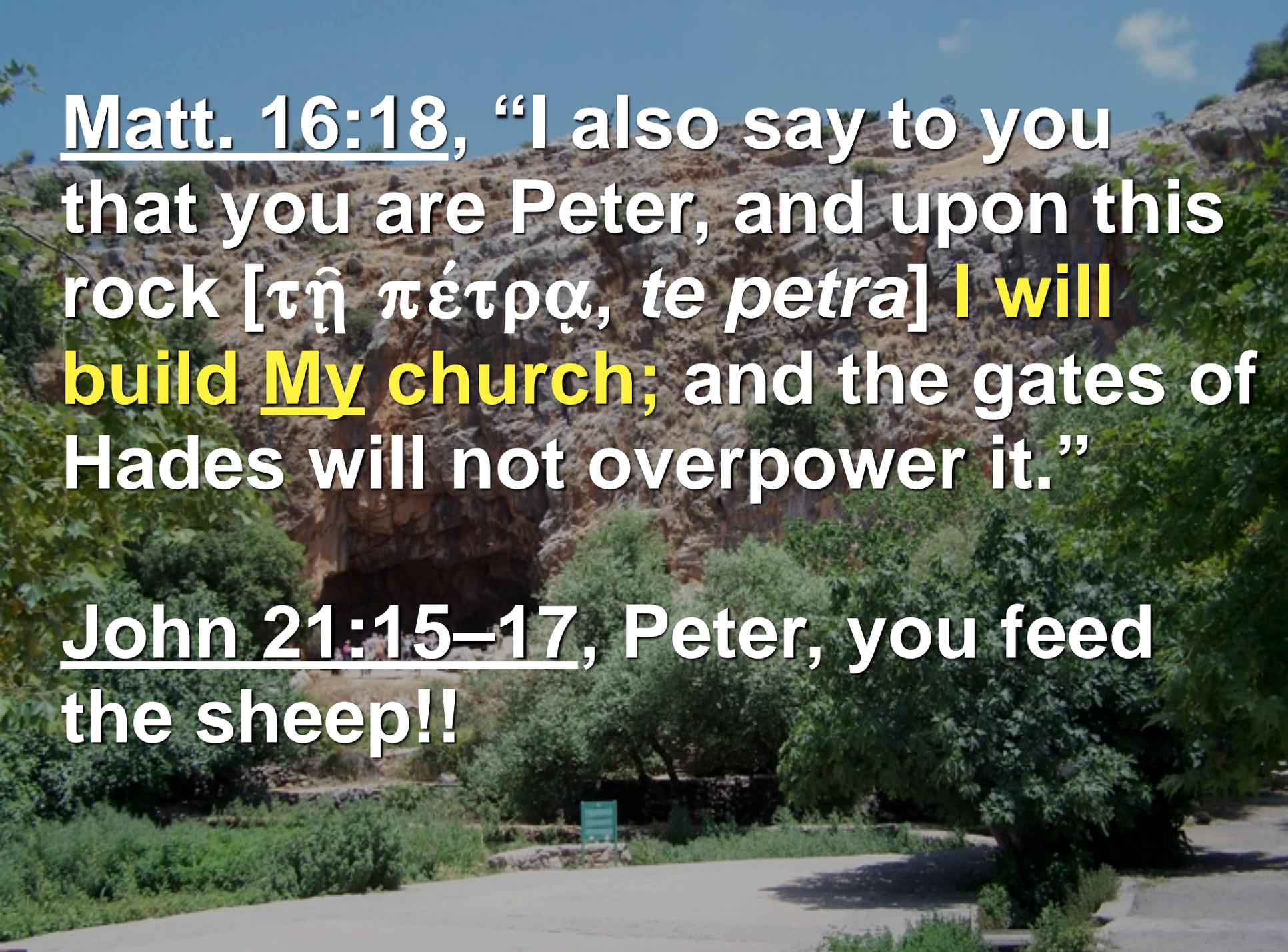
**John 14:21, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”**

**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 14:31, “But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.”**

**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.”**

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Matt. 16:18, “I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock [τῇ πέτρᾳ, *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!!

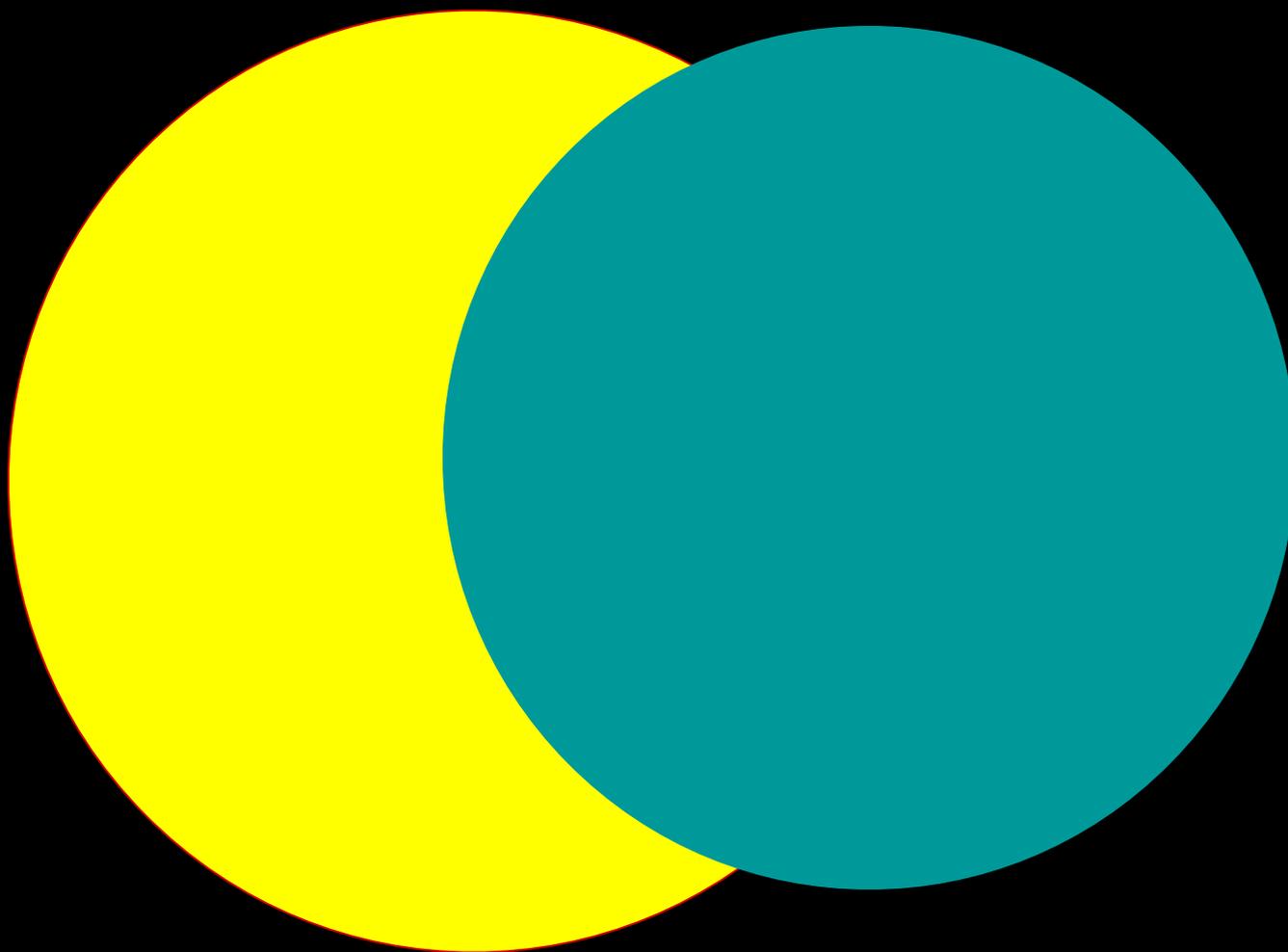
**Jeremiah 15:16, “Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.”**

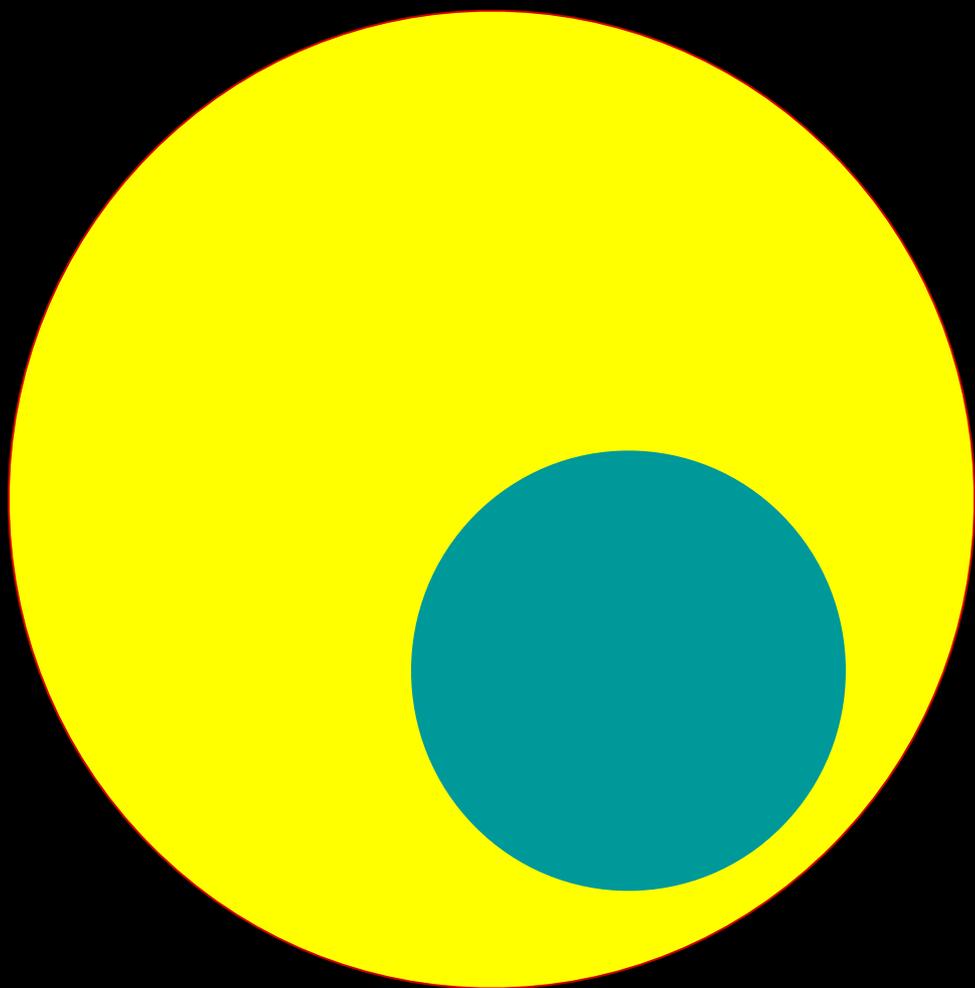
**1 Pet. 2:2, “as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”**

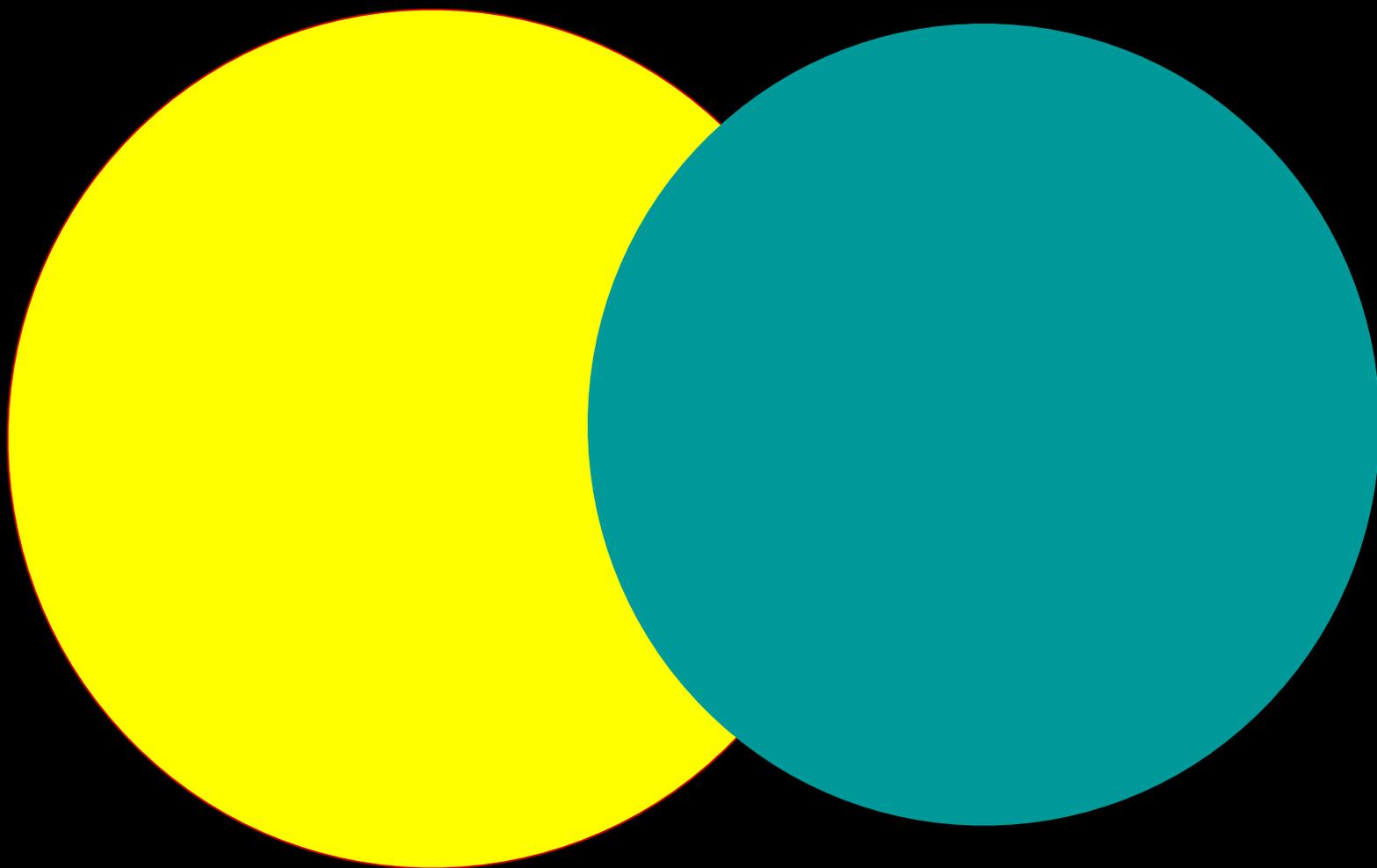
**2 Peter 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.”**

## FOUR PAIRS OF SYNONYMS

<b>Love</b>	ἀγαπάω; <i>agapaō</i>	φιλέω; <i>phileō</i>
<b>Know</b>	οἶδα; <i>oida</i>	γινώσκω; <i>ginōskō</i>
<b>Tend, feed</b>	ποιμαίνω; <i>poimainō</i>	βόσκω; <i>boskō</i>
<b>Sheep, lambs</b>	ἀρνίον; <i>arnion</i>	πρόβατον; <i>probaton</i>







**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.’ ”**



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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.’ ”**

**1 Pet. 5:2, “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;**

**1 Pet. 5:3, “nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;”**

**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 all My sheep.’ ”**

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**2 Peter 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.”**

**Eph. 4:11, “And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers,”**

**Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;”**

**Eph. 4:13, “until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”**

**Acts 2:42, “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship: to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”**

**Eph. 4:14, “As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;”**

**Eph. 4:15, “but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,”**