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Breakfast With Jesus (John 21:1-17)

What is the best way to start your day? The answer to this question is in the last chapter of the gospel of John. In this chapter, John recounts for us one of Christ's post-resurrection meetings with His disciples. The meeting took place over breakfast on the shores of the Sea of Tiberias. As we study this memorable meal, we shall consider the purpose of *the morning watch*, that portion of the day that is spent in close intimate fellowship with the Lord.

***My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD;
In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. (Psalm 5:3)***

POINTS TO PONDER:

The Purpose of the Morning Watch--

1. TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE (v6)

- The first purpose of meeting with God in the morning is to receive His instructions for the day.
- *"Cast the net on the right side."* Simple obedience results in great blessings!

2. TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST (v11)

- The miraculous catch of fish shows us that Christ is willing to do great works on our behalf.

3. TO FEED AND NOURISH YOUR SOUL (v12-13)

- As your body needs to be fed in order to face the day, so too does your soul.
- The manna that fed the Israelites in the desert was to be collected early in the morning (Exodus 16).

4. TO GROW IN YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS (v15-17)

- Our love for Christ grows as we spend time in close intimate fellowship with Him.
- John 14:21 contains a special promise for all who love Christ - "And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

CHALLENGE TO CHANGE:

"O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You" (Ps. 63:1). The most important part of your day is your time alone with the Lord Jesus. Consider once again the purpose of the morning watch, and commit yourself to setting aside the first portion of every day to meet with the Lord. In speaking of the importance of this time, J.R. Mott once said: "Next to receiving Christ as Saviour, and claiming the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, we know of no act attended with larger good than...to keep the morning watch."