

## The Chosen – Season 3 – Episode 8

### “Not ‘What’ But ‘Who’ You Believe In”

Episode Passages – Psalm 77; Matthew 13:1-9; 44-45; 14:13-33

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## Study 8

### Conversation Starter

How did the depiction of the feeding of the multitude or Jesus and Simon Peter walking on the water impact you?

### Episode Questions

1. How do you answer someone outside the faith who asks why God permits suffering? How do you encourage another Christian whose suffering is prolonged?
2. How do you resist being jealous or envious of other Christians when you see God blessing their lives and your life seems unblessed or maybe stalled?
3. How do you think religious traditions in Christianity confuse those outside the faith from understanding the simplicity of the Gospel? How can a Christian keep the “main thing” the “main thing” when sharing the Good News with a non-Christian?
4. In the episode, Simon Peter and his wife are unwilling to let go of the pain of their loss. How do you encourage a fellow believer going through a time like this? How do you heal from a time like this?
5. In the episode, Simon Peter begged Jesus to never let go of him after pulling him out of the water. Look at John 21 and see how Jesus never let Peter go.

### Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read passage Matthew 13:10-23
- **Self-Check**
  - When you hear a Jesus teaching, how is the quality of your “soil” right now? Is it hard and rocky? Is it riddled with thorns and weeds that choke it from taking root? Or is your soil soft and ready to grow His truth into your life?
  - When you are desperate and even angry, how do you cry out to your heavenly Father? What do you believe He will do when you pour your heart out to Him?
- **Continuing the Conversation** – Is there someone you need to share the Gospel with in a more simple way without the constraints of religion?
- **Pray** – Thank your heavenly Father for never letting go of you.

