

MESSAGE NOTES

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COME AND SEE | WHEN YOU'D RATHER FISH—FOLLOW JESUS!

JOHN 21

BIG IDEA

Jesus turns failure into fruitfulness.

OVERVIEW

AS YOU TURN TO JOHN 21, HERE'S THE CONTEXT:

Peter boldly proclaimed that though every one of the other disciples fall away, he would be faithful in following Jesus even if that meant having to die for it. What happened though was he denied even knowing Jesus around a campfire in the high priest's courtyard. Jesus has died, He's risen and seen twice and it's safe to say Peter was struggling over his three-fold denial of Jesus. Read John 1-14.

1. The Power of Failure—You Can Lose Your Way (John 21:1-5)

- Peter's Failures (verses 1-5)
- Jesus replaces failure with fruitfulness—the miracle catch (verses 6-11).
- Jesus serves those who failed (verses 12-14).
- Jesus turns failure into fruitfulness.

2. Jesus' Power to Transform Failure (John 21:15-17)

- How does Jesus transform failure?
 - a. He gives Peter a second chance—a do-over.
 - b. Jesus humbled him in order to lift him up.
 - c. He not only restored their relationship but gave him a job to do.
 - i. Feed my lambs—the little ones
 - ii. Tend or take care of my sheep—has the idea of protection
 - iii. Feed my Sheep
 - d. He prepared him for the future.
 - e. He helped him keep his focus—you follow me!

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:1b-2)

BRINGING IT HOME

- First, the most important question to answer is the one Jesus asked Peter three times—"do you love me?"
- Second, anyone checked out and "gone fishing"? Have you been humbled, knocked out of the race by guilt over failure? Let Jesus lift you up. How?

- Receive His Grace—He knows our weakness, He knows our failures and He knows that we love Him.
- Affirm your love—tell Him you love Him.
- Follow Jesus—show Him you love Him.
 - o Keep taking Jesus at His word
 - o Get out of the boat—get in the game, reengage or stay engaged to Christ's mission
 - o Accept His invitation for friendship
 - o Keep serving others
 - o Persevere through suffering
- Don't let failure define you—receive Jesus' grace and share His love.