

Faithfulness and Serving

Challenges & Victory

John 21: 1-14



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- ❖ **He is Risen** Matthew 28:5-7 “The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘**He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.**’”

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- ❖ **I. Discouraged and confused**
- ❖ **A. Peter - “I am going fishing.. 21:3**
- ❖ Spiritual Weakness - Discouraged
- ❖ “Back to my old way of life.”
- ❖ They had been called and were totally committed
Mark 1:16-18 “Simon and his brother Andrew [were] casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” **At once** they left their nets and followed him.”

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- ❖ **B. “We will go with you.” 2:3**
- ❖ Others are influenced and led astray by strong leaders. We all need to watch our attitudes.
- ❖ James 4:7-8 “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.”
- ❖ Keep your eyes on the Lord and not on men - even good leaders.

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- ❖ **C. “That night they caught nothing.” 2:3**
- ❖ Fruitlessness when acting in the flesh.
- ❖ John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.**”

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- ❖ **II. The Lord was at a distance 21:4**
- ❖ **A. Maintain a close relationship with the Lord**
- ❖ When we are disobedient to His Word and not walking with Him, there will be a **sense** of distance and discouragements will come.

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- ❖ **B. “Children do you have any fish? 21:5**
- ❖ Mark 1:17 “I will make you fishers of men.”
- ❖ Their earlier response, “At once they left their nets and followed him.”

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- ❖ **C. A memory Jog.**
- ❖ 21:6 “He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”
- ❖ That was familiar — Where had they heard that before?
- ❖ Their first experience— Luke 5:4 “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

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- ❖ **D. Results of listening and obeying**
- ❖ 21:6 “When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.”

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- ❖ **III. Their eyes were opened**
- ❖ **A. “It is the Lord”**
- ❖ 21:7-8 “Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.”

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- ❖ **B. A huge catch of large fish.**
- ❖ 21:11 “Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.”

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- ❖ **IV. The Lord had no need of their human efforts.**
- ❖ 21:9 “When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.”
- ❖ 21:12 “They knew it was the Lord.”
- ❖ Jesus’ resurrection and His Deity was revealed
- ❖ Peter’s full restitution completed. 21:15-23

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