

3. Can you think of a time in your life that you felt like quitting something or giving up? What was going on or what was influencing you in that direction?

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4. What does it mean to you to call God your Father?

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5. Discuss the unusual exchange between Jesus and Peter in verses 15-17. What is the significance of His words, "Peter do you love Me?"

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6. This brings to mind the question: Why do we do what we do in service to the Lord? What is our motivation?

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7. This is a true story of restoration or reconciliation. Why is this so important?

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sermon notes

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SERMON SERIES: DINNER WITH JESUS

TODAY'S SERMON: BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 21:1-17 (NEW KING JAMES VERSION)

Question: Have you ever felt like quitting?

1 Our way never works.

Reference John 21:1-14 (NKJV)

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Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."
They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.
John 21:3 (NKJV)
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The Greek word Peter used (*hypagō*) literally means I retire.

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But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?"
They answered Him, "No."
John 21:4-5 (NKJV)
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Over 100 times in John's gospel Jesus refers to God as His Father. Now with Jesus calling them children He is reminding them that God is their Father.

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And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

John 21:6 (NKJV)
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Jesus will always provide for our need.

2 God is the God of restoration.

God won't let you quit!

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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."

He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, 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, "Feed My sheep.

John 21:15-17 (NKJV)
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Peter denied Christ three times and three times Jesus asked Peter, do you love Me?

Jesus asked the first two times in Greek (*agape*): self-sacrificial, fully devoted love.

Peter responded with the Greek (*phileo*): brotherly love.

The third time Jesus meets Peter on his level: "Do you [brotherly] love Me?"

Jesus knows right where you are and He will meet you there.

3 After you've failed God has a ministry for you.

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Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

John 21:17 (NKJV)
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You are only a failure if you fail to get up!

study notes

1. In John 21 we see another post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to His disciples. List some other post-resurrection appearances of Jesus and the dynamics of those encounters.

2. What do you think could be some of the reasons Peter and some of the other disciples returned to fishing?