

Ordinary Faith

John 21

Overview: John 20:29-31, 21:25

- Read John 21.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- Peter's restoration has much to teach us of our own strength compared to Jesus Christ's patience grace and mercy.
- This is the second fishing story in Peter's experience with Jesus.

Insights:

- Peter's first fishing trip with Jesus is recorded in Luke 5:1-11
- There was something different about Jesus' appearance, John 21:12.
- Jesus used the Greek word for sacrificial love twice and the Greek word for brotherly love the third time.
- Peter was an empowered disciple of Jesus. Mark 6:7, Matt 10:1, and Luke 9:1-2.
- Christ's Love and Mercy are boldly upon display in this text.

Explore:

- Discuss the similarities between Peter's first and second fishing trip with Jesus.
- Discuss Sacrificial Love or Agape' Love as compared to Brotherly Love or Phileo Love. (A quick google search may help, You may also try BlueLetterBible.com)
- Do you think Peter resisted Jesus' use of the greek word for sacrificial love. Why would he?
- Three times Peter started his response with the words, "You know...". Why "you know" instead of a more direct statement such as, "Sure I do."
- Discuss Human Responsibility before God and society. Have modern ideologies of entitlements, rights, and privilege affected our notions of Responsibility.
- Discuss the Biblical idea of Surrender. Romans 12:2, 1 Thess 4:1 might add perspective.
- Discuss Biblical Love. Compare Biblical ideas of Love with modern notions and interpretations of Love.

Application:

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

Notes:

John 21:3-7, 15-19 NLT Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. 4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. 5 He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied. 6 Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. 7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. ... 15 After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. 16 Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. 17 A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep. 18 "I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go." 19 Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

The Fine Art of Living - LOVE!

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Do You Love Me? (21:15-17)

How's the Fishing... Without me?

Everyone Starts as a Victim

YOU Know that I Love you... Like a Brother

Do You Love Me?

Empowered?

Responsible

YOU Know that I Love you... Like a Brother

Do You Love Me? (21:18-19)

Surrender

1 Cor 4:20, Eph 1:19, Rom 14:17

Love

Ephesians 3:14-21

LIFE!