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John 21:1–14

This Changes Everything: When All Else Fails?
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SUMMARY

Even though we know that Jesus is risen, we can still be haunted by the failures of our past. Jesus' resurrection power provides us hope for the moments of indifference or feelings of inadequacy in our life. The Gospel calls us to obey in faith and respond in love.

REFERENCES

- ☐ John 10:27
- ☐ Luke 5:1–8

DISCUSSION

- ☐ Read John 21:1–14. What emotions and thoughts might the disciples be experiencing during this time?
- ☐ Even after Jesus is raised from the dead, Peter still wants to go fishing (verse 3). What do you like or not like about Peter returning to his profession, what he knew—in some ways, his previous life?
- ☐ What do you make of the word 'children' in verse 5? How might that be a good reminder for us today?
- ☐ Why might Jesus ask them do cast their nets on the other side? What might have happened if they didn't obey? How might this apply to us?
- ☐ The passage says their net was 'full of fish' and 'large fish'. That seems to be a theme with Jesus. Whenever He gives and whenever He feeds there is an abundance. Do you think you believe Jesus for too much or for too little? How so?
- ☐ In response Peter throws himself into the sea and swims to shore. Is this reckless? Is it worship? Is it love? Have you ever experienced someone this sold out and committed?
- ☐ Read verse 9. What do you see here about Jesus, His heart, and His care?
- ☐ Jesus asks them to bring some of the fish they caught. He could have miraculously produced fish on the grill, but He chose to use their fish—why? What might He be teaching us in this?
- ☐ Jesus' words are 'come and have breakfast'. Let's pretend He said that to you today. What would that tell you about this Messiah, this Savior you follow? How does that help you?

THIS WEEK:

- ☐ Memorize John 10:27.
- ☐ Evaluate where I am (or am not) following the voice of the Lord in my life.
- ☐ Write down at least three things that I know God has told me and obey.
- ☐ Commit to read through 1 New Testament book by the end of the year.