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John 21:15–19

This Changes Everything: The Faith That Overcomes Failure

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SUMMARY

There are many times in life that we want a fresh start. We want to begin again where we got of track, acting as if some of our failures never existed. Jesus is the only one who can truly restore us to a right relationship with God and give us new purpose after our failed attempts at living for greater purposes.



Genesis 32:29–30

Acts 10:41

Revelation 7:17

Ezekiel 34:2

Acts 1:3

DISCUSSION

- With bellies full, warmed by the fire, and nets full of fish, the disciples are now re-united with the Light of the World, Jesus. Now He asks, 'Do you love Me'? Why? Why this question?Why now? What do we learn?
- What do you observe about Jesus' request regarding feeding His sheep? How is that related to His previous question regarding love?
- How? How does this request relate to us and how do we feed sheep? What are some examples about how and where we might be called to do that?
- Jesus shows love-even more than merely telling about His love. Read Revelation 1:5. Notice how it calls Jesus 'the One who loves us.' So, where do you experience that? Where do you see His love in your life?
- It's been claimed that recognizing our forgiveness is essential. It was for Peter in this account. Why might it be so important? What happens to us if we don't believe we are really forgiven?
- Jesus makes these requests of His disciples, but He doesn't ask them to do it out of their own power. They are to rely on His power to accomplish the work of building the church. What have you found happens if we forget that and try to do things out of our own efforts?

THIS WEEK:

- Return to my "first love" in Jesus Christ by revisiting some of the spiritual disciplines I have neglected (i.e. Bible read, journaling, praying, etc.)
- Ask God to forgive me for my sin and trust that He is faithful to do so
- Read Psalm 73. Regain my awe for God by identifying with the Psalmist.