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Worship Service
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Journey to the Cross

Lesson Four • John 21

Restoring a Repentant Failure

After the Rooster Crows, Then What?

After Peter fails, he immediately and sincerely **REPENTS** (unlike Judas) and was freely forgiven by the Lord.

After Repentance, Then What?

Repentance opens the door to the **RESTORATION** process.

The Process of Restoring a Repentant Failure

1. Stop “Going Fishing” to **FORGET** Past Failure. (vv. 1-8)

Is There a Problem with “Going Fishing”?

- After failure there’s a strong pull to **RETURN** to our former way of life that had success.

The Problem with “I Am Going Fishing!”

- Returning to our former way of life before Christ only leads to more **FAILURE**.

The Process for Restoring a Repentant Failure

- **FOCUS** on Christ with simple obedience as His follower.

2. Sit Down and **FEAST** with Jesus. (vv. 9-14)

The Provision of Christ’s Presence at His Table

- After failure there’s a great need to **FELLOWSHIP** with Christ and His people.

The Process for Restoring a Repentant Failure

- **FEAST** with Christ at His table in fellowship with His people.

Sitting Around the Fire of Fellowship in Christ

1. Renews your **MIND** with new memories.
2. Refreshes your **HEART** with shared emotions.
3. Restores your **SOUL** with simple pleasures.
4. Realigns your **LIFE** with what matters for eternity.

3. Start **FOLLOWING** Christ No Matter the Cost. (vv. 15-23)

The Need to Be Restored to Usefulness

- After failure there’s a gracious process to be restored to **USEFULNESS**.

The Threefold Question, Answer, and Challenge

1. “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me **MORE** than these?”
2. “Yes, Lord, You **KNOW** I love you!”
3. “Feed **MY** sheep!”

Most of all simply follow Me into evangelism, discipleship, and missions wherever you are and whatever you’re doing!

The Process for Restoring a Repentant Failure

- Follow Christ no matter the **COST** until He comes again.

Some follow Christ to **DEATH** like Peter while others are **DELIVERED** like John.

Either way we *all follow Christ* until He comes for us.

Remember: Repentance and Restoration Doesn’t Automatically Mean Returning to Your Previous Position or Vocational Calling.

The goal is not getting back to *what I was doing* but getting back to *being who I am in Christ: A fully devoted Christ follower!*

Christ Is Calling You to Restoration After Repentance.

Renew your focus on Christ.
Rejoice in feasting with Christ and His People.
Recommit to following Christ no matter the cost.