Family Bible Hour

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Hillview Bible Chapel

When we tend to run away….

When we experience failure,
When life gets difficult,
When we become lost, confused, and afraid…





John 21:1-4

1 After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the
disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested *Himself*
in this way.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called
Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons*
of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples.

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to
him, "We will also come with you." They went out, and got
into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the
beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

What if?

What if there were no chapter 21?

What if Jesus did not meet these 7 guys, particularly Peter?



“I am going fishing”

- What have I done?
- What were those three years about?
- Who was Jesus?
- Where is he?
- Who am I?
- What will I do now?
- Where will I go?
- What will happen to me?

“that night they caught nothing.” (v.3)



John 21:5-7

5 Jesus therefore said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No."

6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find *a catch." They cast therefore, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.*

7 That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." And so when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work), and threw himself into the sea.*

His question



His Miracle



First calling Luke 5 :9~10

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."

11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

"When we go fishing with Jesus, we can catch live ones and they die (soon). But when we go fishing men with Jesus, we can catch dead ones and they live (forever)"

-C.T. Studd

John 21:9-14

9 And so when they got out upon the land, they saw a charcoal fire *already laid, and fish placed on it, and bread.*

12 Jesus said to them, "Come *and have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord.*

13 Jesus came and took the bread, and gave them, and the fish likewise.

Special Men's Breakfast





Come and have breakfast! (v.12)

To Elijah

And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." 6 And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." 8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

(1Ki 19:5-8 ESV)

Our Lord Jesus Christ

13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD
shows compassion to those who fear him.
14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

(Psa 103:13-14 ESV)

19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his
voice in the streets;
20 a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he
will not quench, until he brings justice to victory;

(Mat 12:19-20 ESV)

John 21:15~17

15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs.“*

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep. “*

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son of John, do you* [1]*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, "Tend My sheep."*

“Simon, son of John” (v. 15)

- Occurrences

  17 times as Peter, 17 times as Simon Peter, 4 times as Simon.
- Only two times as Simon, son of John

  at the very beginning (1:42) and at the very end. (v.15)

John 1:42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas " (which is translated Peter).

Question and Answer

1. Jesus' question

   "Do you love me?"

2. Peter's answer

   "You know that I love you"

"We love, because He first loved us…"(1Jn 4:19)

New commission

- "Tend and Shepherd My sheep"

NAS John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

NAS 1Jn4:21 "And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also."

NAS Acts 20:28 "…to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

Why Love?

- D.L. Moody said that:

"A doctor, a lawyer, may do good work without love, but God's work cannot be done without love."

- Divine mathematic

NAS 1Cor 13:1-3 "Five minus one equals zero"

When Jesus comes to us….

- Emptiness gives way to the abundance of a net full of fish, large ones, a hundred fifty-three of them
- Darkness dawns a new day with new light
- A new charcoal fire kindles hospitality in place of the cold ashes of rejection
- The last supper has become the first breakfast
- Confessions of love overcome denials of fear.

- God is still writing down this chapter of Book of our Life