

**Reaching New Heights in our Love for the Savior  
The Savior Who Forgives**

1 Corinthians 13:1 - *If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

**The Savior Who Was Betrayed**

**The Savior Who Was Denied**

**The Savior Who Was Rejected**

**The Savior Who Was Mocked**

**The Savior Who Died**

**3 lessons from the restoration of Peter:**

**I. Sometimes you Have to Come to the End of Yourself before You See the Need for Forgiveness**

A. Putting this breakfast in context

B. Was Peter wrong for going fishing?

1. Christ's original call involved Peter leaving his nets and becoming a fisher of men
2. There is no hint of prayer, study, or consideration of God's will
3. Their approach wasn't working very well

"Children, you don't have any fish, do you...."

C. Emptiness is often the vehicle God uses to draw people to Himself

*Galatians 6:7 - Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.*

*Proverbs 13:15 - ...the way of transgressors is hard.*

*Psalm 127:1-2 - Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.*

Luke 4:18-19 - *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.*

## **II. God Stands Ready to Show You His Power to Forgive**

### A. Success is often closer than you realize

Warren Wiersbe – “The difference between success and failure was the width of the ship. We are never far from success when we permit Jesus to give the orders...”

John 21:6 - *...So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of the fish.*

### B. God loves to deal in abundance

Romans 5:20 - *...But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:*

Ephesians 3:20 - *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,*

John 10:10 - *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

### C. God allows you, and calls you, to do your part

John 21:10 - *Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.”*

## **III. Forgiven People Still have a Place in the Plan and Program of God**

Warren Wiersbe – “How loving of Jesus to feed Peter before He dealt with his spiritual needs. He gave Peter opportunity to dry off, get warm, satisfy his hunger, and enjoy personal fellowship. This is a good example for us to follow as we care for God's people. Certainly the spiritual is more important than the physical, but caring for the physical can prepare the way for spiritual ministry. Our Lord does not so emphasize the soul that he neglects the body.”