

THE GOSPEL STORY  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – Good News for a Change  
John 21:15-19 – Part Two  
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We have all heard the saying, "Failure is not an option!" But, in fact, it's more than an option, it's a certainty and it can be one of the surest stepping stones to victory.

In John 21:15-19, Jesus restores Peter to Himself and back to useful service.

If you have ever failed I think these principles will encourage you:

1. Love Jesus deeply. (vv.15-17)

A review from last Sunday:

- Jesus restores Peter privately and publicly.
  - Jesus establishes a culture of restoration, a culture absent of shame.
  - Jesus cuts right to the heart of the matter, "Peter, do you love me?"
    - Not "Peter, do you know me?" "Peter, do you have correct theology?"
    - The issue is always about your heart, "do you love me?"
- (Proverbs 4:23)

2. Serve Jesus without compromise. (v.18)
3. Follow Jesus always. (v.19)