

Jesus is Risen – Be at Peace
FOCUS - REMEMBER
Sermon Outline
June 3, 2018

Text – **John 21: 19b-22**

Reading Schedule:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>6/3</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 3; John 21: 1-25</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>6/4</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 4; Luke 12: 22-34</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6/5</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 5; John 10: 1-21</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6/6</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 6; Acts 20: 13-37</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6/7</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 7; Luke 5: 1-11; Matthew 14: 13-21</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6/8</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 8; Mathew 15: 32-39; Matthew 4: 18-22</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6/9</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 9; Leviticus 1: 1-4; II Corinthians 5: 14-21</i>

I am a spirit, who has a soul, and I live in a body.

I am not a soul. I am a spirit.

I am not my body. I am a spirit.

I am a spirit, who has a soul, and I live in a body!

John 21: 19b-22 – *Then he said to him, “Follow me!”^(W)*

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved^(X) was following them...²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?”

²² Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return,^(Z) what is that to you? You must follow me.”

1. We all find ourselves at times knowing what we are to do while at the same time losing focus in our lives to get it done. We’re not just

speaking of losing focus on simple tasks, but important objectives, life goals, or ministry undertakings, even our sense of purpose!

2. After being restored by Jesus, these directions were given to Peter by Jesus, “Follow me!” Peter lost sight of the new plan and purpose Jesus had imparted on him and Peter began to “get out of focus” by the distraction of looking on others and not Jesus.
3. **Distraction** is the process of diverting the attention of an individual or group from a desired area of focus and thereby blocking or diminishing the accomplishing of desired outcome.
4. Jesus’ simple response to distraction is: “Follow me!” What is that to you? [Stay focused!] You must follow me!”
5. What Jesus is telling us today through His words to Peter is:
 - a. “You are the Church, My Body. For you to remain focused, you must follow me. For you to follow me, **YOU MUST REMEMBER:**
 - i. “Feed my lambs.”^(P) (v. 15) – **Luke 12: 32** - “Do not be afraid,^(A) little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.
 - ii. “Take care of my sheep.”^(Q) (v. 16) – **John 10: 11** - “I am^(A) the good shepherd.^(B) The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
 - iii. “Feed my sheep.”^(T) (v. 17) – **Acts 20:28** - Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock^(A) of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.^(B) Be shepherds of the church of God, ^{(A)/(C)} which he bought^(D) with his own blood.
 - b. Jesus is saying, “You are the Church. The Church is precious to me!”
 - i. The children in the children’s ministry are precious to me!
 - ii. The eighty-plus year-old person is precious to me!
 - iii. The men serving in the parking lot are precious to me!
 - iv. The person who returned from prison is precious to me!
 - v. The person seeking fellowship because they’re new in town is precious to me!
 - c. Follow me – BE CHRIST CENTERED!

- d. Stay focused – OTHERS FOCUSED!
- e. Be CHRIST-CENTERED & OTHERS-FOCUSED!

6. There can be no focus without following and no following without remembering. Focus in your life is the product of REMEMBERING and following what Jesus said!

- a. A part of Jesus' work of restoring Peter, Jesus made Peter remember!
 - b. **John 21: 3-9** - *"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So, they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ^(H)
⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"
"No," they answered.
⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ^(L) ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved ^(L) said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ^(c) ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire ^(K) of burning coals there with **fish on it, ^(L) and some bread.***
- i. Twice in their past, Jesus fed the disciples with fish and bread that He had miraculously produced.
 - 1. Feeds the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:15; Mark 6:41; Luke 9:12; John 6:5) The disciples, The boy with the 5 loaves and 2 fish, Phillip, Andrew, The five thousand, Jesus
 - 2. Feeds more than four-thousand people (Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9) The disciples, The crowd, Jesus

- ii. After His resurrection, He reminds them of what He told them, by presenting to them fish and bread He miraculously produced.
- c. **Luke 5: 4-11** – *When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”^(D)*
 - ⁵ *Simon answered, “Master;^(E) we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything.^(E) But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”*
 - ⁶ *When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.^(G)* ⁷ *So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.*
 - ⁸ *When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”^(H)* ⁹ *For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.*
 - Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid;^(I) from now on you will fish for people.”¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.^(J)*
- d. Beyond the events that paralleled their earlier experiences, Jesus was helping them to remember!
 - i. Just as Jesus found them in the past, Jesus found them after the Resurrection.
 - ii. Just as Jesus found you when you first met Him, Jesus finds you when you’re in need of restoration.
 - iii. **Matthew 4: 18-22** – *As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.*

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

- iv. Does anybody remember when you met Jesus?
1. It may have been in the “Up all night long” season of your life!
 2. I may have been in the “Can’t catch a thing” season of your life!
 - a. “Can’t catch a woman!”
 - b. “Can’t catch a man!”
 - c. “Can’t catch a job!”
 - d. “Can’t catch a dollar!”
 - e. “Heck, I can’t even catch a cold!”
 3. Jesus says, “Remember when I filled your emptiness and gave you new life, new purpose, new perspective, new power!
 - a. I filled your nets!
 - b. If you remember when He filled your life give God praise, right now!**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

7. **John 21: 22c** – *Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved^(X) was following them...²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus answered... “What is that to you? **You must follow me.**”*

- a. When you follow Jesus, others will follow you to Jesus.
- b. How can Jesus use imperfect people to lead others to a perfect God?

- i. **Leviticus 1: 4** – *You are to lay your hand on the head^(J) of the burnt offering,^(K) and it will be accepted^(L) on your behalf to make atonement^(M) for you.*
- ii. Atonement - The meaning of the word is simply **at-one-ment**, i.e.,
 - 1. the state of being at one or being reconciled,
 - 2. so that atonement is reconciliation.
- iii. The perfection of Jesus covers us from head to toe because Jesus became our burnt offering.
 - 1. Accepted – treated with favor, delight and acceptance.
 - 2. Jesus is your atonement or covering for sin
 - a. How precious Jesus is to the Father is how precious you are to the Father.
 - b. When He sees you, He sees Jesus, your atonement, your covering.
- iv. **II Corinthians 5: 14-21** – *For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.^(Q)¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves^(R) but for him who died for them^(S) and was raised again.¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly^(T) point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,^(U) the new creation^(V) has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here!^(W) ¹⁸ All this is from God,^(X) who reconciled us to himself through Christ^(Y) and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.^(Z) And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,^(AA) as though God were making his appeal through us.^(AB) We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to*

God.^(AC) ²¹ God made him who had no sin^(AD) to be sin^[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.^(AE)