

Jesus is Risen – Be at Peace
RESTORATION
Sermon Outline
April 29, 2018

Text – **John 21: 15-17 & 19b**

Reading Schedule:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>4/29</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 29; John 21: 1-25</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>4/30</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 30; Luke 22:31-34; Luke 22:54-62</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5/1</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 1; Acts 2: 14-41</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5/2</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 2; Luke 15: 11-32</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>5/3</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 3; II Corinthians 5: 1-21</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>5/4</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 4; Romans 8: 1-17; Ephesians 2: 8-10</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5/5</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 5; Philippians 4: 1-19</i>

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John 21: 15-17 & 19b – *When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”*

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ *Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷ *The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

^{19b} *Then [Jesus] said to him, “Follow me!”*

1. When Jesus appeared to His disciples after the resurrection, it was Peace that He communicated first.

- a. He knew this was their deepest need: to calm their fears and clear their minds.
- b. Jesus also speaks Peace to you, for He knows your anxious thoughts.
 - i. He knows about the areas of life in which you've failed.
 - ii. He knows about what you lost.
 - iii. He knows you're frustrated that something has gone to waste due to a bad decision you made.
- c. Jesus designed you to dwell in Peace all day, every day.
- d. Jesus says to us this Sunday, "Draw near to Me; receive My Peace."

1. We've all failed at something, or lost something due to a poor decision, or wasted something we wish we could get back. God's word to us is DON'T SWEAT IT! RESTORATION - is the act of God's GRACE, whereby one receives back more than has been lost to the point where the final state is greater than the original condition. Let's allow God to restore us.

2. Failure among GOD'S people is nothing new; biblical history is littered with it.

- a. Samson failed.
- b. Abraham failed.
- c. Solomon failed.
- d. Jonah failed.
- e. The Hebrews failed.
- f. All twelve of Jesus' disciples failed;

- g. Even King David, who was a man after GOD’S own heart failed;
3. What would you say to someone who claimed “I’m ready to go with you anywhere it takes us – even to death! I’m your ‘ride or die’ and I’m with you all the way!” Then when the heat is on, they blow you off and tell everybody, “I had nothing to do with her. Or, he’s out there on his own.” (Luke 22: 32 & 54-62)
 4. In the story of the days following His Resurrection, Jesus never said a word to Peter about Peter’s failure.
 - a. In fact, Jesus asked Peter three times a simple question designed to assist Peter in recognizing Peter had been restored in his relationship with Christ and in his relationship with himself.
 - b. That’s God’s way of dealing with our failures.
 - i. “Do you love me?” (three times) was then followed by a command.
 1. “*Feed my lambs.*”
 2. “*Take care of my sheep.*”
 3. “*Feed my sheep.*”
 - ii. “You are restored to the point that even after you’ve failed, I trust you with what I love. Now go and love what I love!”
 - iii. The final command is the call of God, the Holy Spirit to each of us, “Follow me!”
 1. No more wallowing in self-hatred, self-loathing, or self-pity, follow me!
 2. No more believing it can never be made right again, follow me!
 3. No more being distracted from my plan and purpose for your life, follow me!

5. **RESTORATION** - is the act of God's **GRACE**, whereby one receives back more than has been lost to the point where the final state is greater than the original condition.
- a. Unlike the regular dictionary meaning of "restoration," which is to return something back to its original condition, the biblical definition of the word has greater connotations that go above and beyond the typical everyday usage.
 - b. The point is that someone or something is improved beyond the original measure.
 - c. Repeatedly throughout the Bible, God blesses people by making up for their losses and giving them more than they previously had before.
 - i. God changes how we see ourselves.
 - ii. God changes what we value.
 - iii. God affects what we do with our lives.
6. Peter was not restored to his old Peter and God will never restore you to your old self. Somebody say, "Thank you Jesus!"
- a. The fisherman became a "fisher of men."
 - b. After being restored by Jesus, Peter preached a sermon through which "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." (**Acts 2: 41**)
7. God will even restore what we've wasted or lost!
- a. **Luke 15: 11-24** is the parable of the prodigal son.
 - i. Jesus uses this story to describe the heart of God toward us.
 - ii. **GOD LOVES ME!**
 - b. Look at the actions of the father in the parable and see the heart of God! **Luke 15: 21-23**

- i. The father did not say one word about the loss or waste, even though the son had indeed wasted his inheritance.
 - ii. The father only saw his son's homecoming as an opportunity to show him how much he loved him and to restore to him what he had lost.
- c. The father's response to the prodigal son (wasteful, squanderer):
 - i. Robe of righteousness - *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (II Corinthians 5:21)*
 - 1. He restores you with a robe of honor
 - 2. He covers the nakedness of your errors and sins with the righteousness of His Son, Jesus Christ
 - 3. **I am the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ.**
 - ii. The signet ring of adoption (**Romans 8: 14-17**)
 - 1. He makes us heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ
 - 2. The ring of authority
 - 3. Declares your position of power and dominion
 - iii. Sandals of the gospel of salvation –
 - iv. *It is by grace you have been saved through faith; not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2: 8-9)*
 - 1. Servants don't wear sandals
 - 2. Reinstates you as His child
 - v. The fattened calf of God's supernatural, abundant, overflowing provision.
 - 1. a new and better supply

2. You were depending on yourself, now you can depend on me!
3. *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

1. If you're here today and it's your time to receive **God's GRACE**, whereby you receive back more than has been lost to the point where your final state is greater than your original condition.
2. Invitation to salvation (explain briefly)
3. Invitation to receive a church home.