

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“I Expect Him to Love like Jesus”**

### **“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” – Pt. 7**

John 21:1-19 & Selected

#### **In His Great Love...**

#### **I. Jesus understands the temptation to turn back when the going is tough.**

*“Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’”* Vs. 3

#### **II. Jesus understands the potential for failure when our faith is weak.**

*“They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.”* Vs. 3b

#### **The Faith of the Apostle Peter:**

- **Peter makes the most audacious request!**

*“And Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’”* Matthew 14:28

- **Peter makes the greatest confession!**

*“Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”* Matthew 16:15

- **Peter makes the most convincing promise!**

*“Peter said to Him, ‘Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!’”* Matthew 26:35

- **Peter becomes the greatest failure!**

*“And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.”* Luke 22:61-62

### **III. Jesus understands the need for mercy over judgment in ministry.**

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”* Matthew 5:7

*“For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”* James 2:13

### **IV. Jesus understands the purpose of restoration for service in His Kingdom!**

See Vs. 15-17

*“And after saying this He said to him, ‘Follow me.’”* Vs. 19b