



The Gospel According to John – Fully Surrendered Servants.

BILL DUMPHY | Week of Sunday April 25th, 2021

TEXT // John 21:15-25 English Standard Version

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

²⁰Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” ²¹When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

²²Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” ²³So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

SERMON GUIDE // 1. Surrendered Servant #1 **Peter** (vv.15-19)
2. Surrendered Servant #2: **John** (vv.20-25)

SERMON APPLICATION // Three major takeaways from The Gospel According to John:
1. We must **follow** Jesus.
2. We must **surrender** to Jesus.
3. We must **serve** Jesus: with our *time*, our *talent*, and our *treasure*.

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Question 1 // Read **John 21:15-25**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // On this exchange between Peter and Jesus, scholar Leon Morris says, *“There is an air of solemnity about John’s use of the full name...and his reporting that Jesus used the expanded form, Simon son of John.”* This communicates a degree of seriousness in this moment, that Peter would have undoubtedly felt. However, at the end of all this Jesus recommissions Peter. **Discuss this exchange and how you think Peter would have felt throughout it?**

Question 3 // Bill highlighted the pastoral calling on Peter’s life in regards to Jesus’ command to him to **tend my sheep** and **feed my sheep**. We also know that Jesus made Peter into a **fisher of men**. Catching fish and shepherding sheep are very different. However, they’re equally vital to a healthy growing church. **Discuss the importance of fishing for new believers, and the role of shepherding as those new believers grow into mature followers of Jesus?**

Question 4 // Peter was recommissioned and never looked back. Christian tradition teaches that he was crucified as a martyr during the reign of Nero around 64 AD. Although he denied Jesus at a pivotal moment, Peter finished well and served the church. **How do you currently use your gifts to express your love for Jesus through service to His church? What new things might the Holy Spirit be nudging you toward regarding service to the church?**

Reflection & Prayer

Spend time in praying that God would show His grace to us as we look to follow Him, surrender to Him, and serve Him with our time, talent, and treasure. If there is an area you believe you are holding onto and need to surrender over to Jesus – make that known to Him. If you have time or even a gift that would serve Him and His church – ask Him to provide you the opportunities to glorify Him through them.

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