

**Christ In A Competitive World:**  
**PART 4 - Jesus' Love & Our Competing Destinies**  
**John 21:1-25**

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- Story-Form & Gospel-Purpose - **John 20:30-31**
- Peter, John & Jesus in the Gospel of John

**Living Well After the Resurrection**

- The Gospel Story & A Few Principles:
  1. It is Hard but Important to Admit when Our Work is Not Working
  2. Our Confidence for Living is Not in Our Own Strength or Ability to Make a Living, but in the Sovereign Strength and Provision of Christ
  3. Failures in the Past can Lead to Success in the Future
  4. *Who* You are Living for, & Loving for, is the Most Important Question for You to Answer

**Dying Well Because of the Resurrection**

- The Gospel Story & A Few Principles:
  1. When We are Living in Love with the Lord Jesus, We Live & Die Well
  2. To Live & Die Well We must be Filled and Strengthened with the Holy Spirit Not Filled with Ourselves

**Our Similar Though Different Destinies**

- The Gospel Story & A Few Principles:
  1. We are all Called to Glorify God in Our Living & Our Dying, Yet Every Persons Life & Death is Uniquely Determined by Jesus Christ
  2. To Compete Well We Must Each Focus on Following Jesus Christ & Not be Overly Concerned if Another Disciple's Destiny is Different than Our Own

3. As We Grow & Mature Other Peoples Stories Increase & Our Own Story Decreases

### **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. How does the passage challenge or encourage you? Any fresh insight?
2. Describe a time when you had to admit to failure. When an area of work was not working? When you'd fallen short? What was the outcome of admitting to failure?
3. Have there been times in your life when you tried to work really hard to impress God or others and then you saw God do something that humbled you and made you more confident in His sovereign mercy and provision?
4. What do you think it was like for Peter to be asked repeatedly about his love for Jesus? How would you respond if Jesus asked you a similar question?
5. God clearly has a plan for Peter and for John. God also has a plan for you. Why is it so important to focus on our own responsibility to follow Jesus rather than focusing on other disciple's destinies? Why do we get so concerned about what God is going to do in someone else's life and neglect what God is doing in our own life?