



Title: Jesus The Servant: Restoration

Scripture: John 21: 15-25

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: When you are in Christ Jesus you are never out of the game.

Vs. 15

So when they had eaten breakfast- This is a continuation of the breakfast that Jesus had prepared for them in the first part of the chapter.

*It was not until Peter was fed that Jesus talked to Him about feeding others
-Courson*

For God to use you, you have to be fed.

Do you love Me more than these?- More than these most likely means more than these other disciples. It could be argued that it referred to the number of fish.

He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You- Peter answers with phileo. A brotherly love. Basically Peter told Jesus, ‘hey we’re good friends’.

Feed My Lambs- Jesus charges Peter with feeding His lambs. Notice that the lambs belong to Jesus. Jesus was asking Peter to feed them.

Perhaps Jesus is reminding Peter in a gentle way that actions rather than words are the ultimate expression of love. - Mounce

Vs. 16

Do you love Me?- Jesus asks Peter a second time (still with an agape love).

Yes, Lord; You know that I live You.- Peter responds with phileo love.

Tend My sheep.- Notice that the sheep also belong to Jesus. Peter is charged with taking care (in a broader sense) of the sheep.

Vs. 17

Do you love Me?- Jesus asks a third time. This time Jesus uses the word for brotherly love (phileo).

Peter was grieved- Peter could not say that he loved (agape) the Lord...why? Peter was grieved, not because the Lord adopted his word for love, because it was the third time that Jesus asked him.

Feed My sheep- We see a progression here. From Lamb, to sheep to sheep once more. The idea is Peter was being charged with the care of the flock.

Vs. 18

When you are old...- Jesus told Peter that when He is old, he will make a faithful stand for Christ.

Peter's love for his Master resulted not only in a commission to serve, but also in the opportunity to die. - Mounce

Peter was a man, he did not love death; but he loved his life less than he loved his God. - Clarke

Vs. 19

Follow Me- The last words Peter heard were "Follow Me". Means 'accompany me'.

Love inevitably involves not only responsibility but also sacrifice.- Mounce

Vs. 20

Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved- We get a sense that Jesus had taken Peter off or away from the others. He turns and looks at John.

Vs. 21

What about this man- Perhaps Peter was just naturally curious about what would happen to John. We do not know the intent of Peter's question.

We should be far more concerned with our own walks than with the walks of others.

Vs. 22

What [is that] to you?- Jesus reminds Peter that what happens to John is none of his business. His responsibility was to follow Jesus.

You follow Me.- This was an incredible challenge to Peter. Jesus gave Peter an instruction, but it would be up to Peter to decide to follow.

Peter's responsibility was to follow Jesus. Each person has his/her own calling.

To know what tomorrow holds and be unable to alter it would be an insufferable burden. To know that God holds the future is a source of great comfort. -Mounce

Vs. 23

Then this saying went out among the brethren- It was believed that John never died. He would be the last to die (of old age) however because of this statement by John in this gospel, we see that he addresses the issues.

Vs. 24

This is the disciple who testifies- John is the disciple who wrote this Gospel. He is one of the 7 witnesses we see in this book.

Vs. 25

Even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written- John wrote the truth about Jesus. He notes that it would be impossible to write all that Jesus did, for He did too many great things.

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Discuss

Dig Deeper



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3D Guide

DO.

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. Discuss the three questions about 'Love' that Jesus asked Peter. Is there a significance the words that are used for love?
2. In your own words what would be going through Peter's mind?
3. Why do you think Peter asked about John?
4. Why do you think the Holy Spirit inspired this story of restoration at the end of John?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: April 22nd, 2018

Story: Joseph In Prison Explaining Dreams (Genesis 39:21 - 41:25)

1. We learned about how Joseph was kind to the men who were in jail with him. Who can remember the jobs that these men had? (baker & wine taster)
2. Tell about a time when someone was kind to you!
3. Do you think we should be kind only when its easy, or when someone is kind back?
4. What are some ways that we could be kind to others? Let's write these ideas down, and see if we can be kind this week!

Memory Verse: Micah 6:8 (The Lord has told you what is good. He has told you what He wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly obeying your God)

