

I'm Just...

Part 3: I'm Just a Fisherman

Objective: To challenge us to be fully surrendered and available to Jesus.

Read together:

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-21

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. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

John 21:15-19

- Do you agree with the statement that most people tend to find their sense of identity in what they do? Why do you agree or disagree with that concept?
- Often we think our value lies in what we have to offer. (Our skills, our knowledge, our wealth, our time, etc.). But those skills will perish over time and money isn't going to last forever. If our value is found in what we have to offer, what does that say about us when we no longer have anything of value to offer?
- What Jesus values is our willingness to surrender and our availability. What does it look like to be surrendered and available?
- Peter was willing to leave everything to follow Jesus. Think about your life. What are you willing to leave behind to follow Jesus? Discuss the following statement. "If you are not willing to leave everything to follow Jesus, you are not ready to truly follow."
- If we believe Jesus is who the Bible says he is, then why do you think most people find it so difficult to fully surrender and follow him?
- In spite of his failures, Jesus never gave up on Peter. Likewise, Jesus will never give up on you. How does that truth impact your willingness to be fully surrendered to him?

Final Thought: Your value is not found in what you do or what you have to offer. Your value is in the fact that you are created as an image bearer of God. You are his child. What do you need to let go of so that you can surrender fully to him?

