

When Jesus Speaks to You

John 21:15-19

When You Need to Be Restored

I. It can be hard to hear from Jesus when we have failed Him.

- a. The context of this passage of restoration is Peter's betrayal of Jesus (see John 18:15-18; 25-27).
- b. This is the same Peter who had been so strong in his attempts to follow Jesus and lead the others in following Jesus.
- c. He allowed the fear of man to overpower his faith in Jesus.

II. Peter needed to be restored after his failure.

- a. His restoration needed to be specific.
- b. His restoration needed to be public.
- c. His restoration was based on the grace and goodness of Jesus.
 - i. Peter didn't seek out restoration; Jesus sought him out.
 - ii. Peter wasn't good enough to be restored; Jesus knew everything about him and still restored him.
- d. His restoration needed to reinstate Peter to his place in the fellowship.
- e. His restoration needed to reaffirm Peter in his purpose in the fellowship.
- f. His restoration prepared Peter for God's future plans for him.

III. The call to restoration is a call to continue to follow Jesus.