

The Promise of Faithfulness

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

1After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. **2**Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. **3**Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

- Did you notice the first verse?
 - The disciples were fine with this for a while I think but then, became stagnant and "bored"
 - Peter says I am going fishing
 - He doesn't quite yet see the fruit of Jesus promise
 - It may not look like anything is coming down the pipe but be sure that your God has overcome the world and your God has NEVER failed before. Your God is faithful and he is going to refresh you!

4Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5**Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." **6**He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. **7**That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. **8**The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

- But what Jesus was teaching the disciples here and reminding them of is that **even when you go back to what you know, God will still move in your life.**
- **Gods movement is not dependent on who you are.**
 - It doesn't disqualify you. Nor will anything ever.
 - Peter thought he was DONE.
 - God can do just as much with a valley of dry bones as He can with a valley of fruitfulness

- God's faithfulness does not depend on you.

9When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.**10**Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11**So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. **12**Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. **13**Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. **14**This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

- The disciples are content
 - No one spoke, they simply sat and received from Jesus.
 - God doesn't want you to be active until you can be present in His presence.
 - Fruitfulness flows from his presence.
 - The promise of Peter's fruit was not overnight
 - These promises were only fulfilled when these people were obedient and faithful to Jesus timeline, and to slowing down and simply being there with Him
 - Let's be a church that surrounds one another and keeps each other accountable. Amen?