



PRAYER: At the start of this new year, we are redefining all of our failures by your grace, O God. Failure is not missing our goal. Failure is not having a goal. Failure is not failing to hit our target. Failure is not having a target. Failure is not falling down. Failure is refusing to get back up. We recognize that we are never a failure until and unless we quit. Give us staying power that we might always pursue great things to your glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER:

MESSAGE RECAP: Simon was a fisherman by trade on the Sea of Galilee. Being a fisherman in that region means he made better than average money. Most of the surrounding area was agrarian, with wheat and grains being the staple food, and fish being the main source of protein. So, as a fisherman, there was always a demand for his product. Still, it was a tough business – and expensive especially if you failed to catch fish! What do you do with failure? That's our focus today.

SCRIPTURE: Read Luke 5:1-5 (NKJV)

DISCUSSION:

1. **What was your biggest takeaway from the message?** What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. Peter was washing his nets which meant he was done for the day, but Jesus asked him to take him out in his boat despite the fact that he had failed to catch anything. How do you react when Jesus interrupts your schedule or goals?
3. After his sermon, Jesus asked Peter to go out to deeper water and let down their recently cleaned nets to try to catch fish after failing to do so earlier. In the first half of verse 5, what was Peter's initial reaction? Why do you think he reacted this way? How hard do you find it to submit your greatest area of competence to Jesus' authority?
4. Have you ever, like Peter, taken a step of faith in the midst of your fear? What happened? Describe a time when Jesus showed you he was far greater than your greatest competence. How did this build your faith?
5. What might get in our way of believing that, in our lives, Jesus is "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine?"

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CHALLENGE: What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!', with the heart's center overlapping the letter 'e'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

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TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)
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TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177
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