

When Faith Isn't Fun

Week 2: Confrontation – Either Restoration or Separation

John 21:1-8 (CSB)

1After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way: 2Simon Peter, Thomas (called “Twin”), Nathanael from Cana of Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two others of his disciples were together. 3“I’m going fishing,” Simon Peter said to them. “We’re coming with you,” they told him. They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4When daybreak came, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus. 5“Friends,” Jesus called to them, “you don’t have any fish, do you?” “No,” they answered. 6 “Cast the net on the right side of the boat,” he told them, “And you’ll find some.” So, they did, and they were unable to haul it in because of the large number of fish. 7The disciple, the one Jesus loved, said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer clothing around him (for he had taken it off) and plunged into the sea. 8Since they were not far from land (about a hundred yards, away), the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish.

1. Don’t forget the Gospel mission.

Matthew 18:15–17 (CSB)

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶But if he won’t listen, take one or two others with you, so that **by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established.** ¹⁷If he doesn’t pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn’t pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you.

2. Don’t be afraid to call sin what it is...in Gospel love.

John 21:9-14 (CSB)

9When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. 10“Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus told them. 11So Simon Peter climbed up and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish — 153 of them. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 “Come and have breakfast,” Jesus told them. None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time Jesus appeared, to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

John 21:15-19 (CSB)

15When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said to him, “you know that I love you.” “Feed my lambs,” he told him. 16A second time he asked him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” he said to him, “you know that I love you.” “Shepherd my sheep,” he told him. 17He asked him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved that he asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” “Feed my sheep,” Jesus said. 18“Truly I tell you, when you were younger, you would tie your belt and walk wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you and carry you where you don’t want to go.” 19He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. After saying this, he told him, “Follow me.”

(Word Play Picture)

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3. Restoration is a process

For Every Alaskan Question:

What fire of judgment do you need to make a fire of reconciliation?