Forever (Song) He's Able (Song)

And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. John 21:6

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work) and threw himself into the sea. John 21:7

Why did Jesus allow them to spend a night fishing knowing they would not catch anything?

He wanted them to know that He could see what they could not see themselves.

He wanted them to know that He was able to do for them what they could not do on their own.

We exist to glorify God by helping people become faithful followers of Jesus.

A faithful follower of Jesus is someone who is known by Jesus, walks with Jesus, lives in community, serves like Jesus, and shares about Jesus.

1. Their nets were full when they obeyed Jesus.

John 21:8–11 (CSB)

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.

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.

2. Jesus gave Peter a vision for the future.

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."

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. John 21:12

He wanted them to know that He could see what they could not see themselves.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise. John 21:13

He wanted them to know that He was able to do for them what they could not do on their own. This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

John 21:14

Worthy of My Song Worthy Of It All