

John 21:1-14

REVIEW:

- Start chapter 21, the last chapter, today
- This is the epilogue – bonus material

OPENER:

The Chosen: clip of Peter being called by Jesus.

Luke 5 – they are discontented because they've caught no fish.

Peter's monumental moments were around fishing boats.

Vs 1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.

- Jesus progressively revealed more of Himself to His disciples. So it is with us.

Vs 2-3 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.

Why did Peter go fishing?

- Some say it was rebellion or escape
- Some say it was for financial need
- It seems to me, Peter is doing all he can to obey the last things Jesus told him to do.

What was the last thing God told you to do?

(evangelize, give, lead, serve, go, adopt, preach/pastor, leave job-home-etc, stay church-job-city-home-etc. submit to authority,)

Vs 4-5 Just 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."

- Fishermen who catch no fish are usually Discontent and frustrated
- Life, just like the seas, have a way of disappointing us:

1. Holy Discontentment

When something is not right with the world, your family, your church, your city – when you desire is to see those things reflect the glory and goodness of God, but in their current state – they do not. That should give us a holy discontentment.

How are you handling holy discontentment?

We can handle holy discontentment in unholy ways.

We are ambassadors waiting ourselves to meet Jesus on the shores of the celestial city.

2. Unholy Discontentment

When life is not going to my plan – people are not bowing down to how I see things. The world is not bowing to my sovereign will. It's really pride.

- Anger toward those who seem to be slowing you down or stopping you.
- Bitterness toward those who do not believe like you do. (Left v right)

How do we handle unrighteous discontentment – when my plans are going right, when my beliefs are being trampled on, when my rights are being threatened.

We can handle unholy discontentment in unholy ways

But when Jesus meets us in our discontentment, we tend to forget about ourselves and enjoy His presence.

Vs6 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.

Vs 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.

- How frustrated does Peter seem now?
- **But when Jesus meets us in our discontentment, we tend to forget about ourselves and enjoy His presence.**

Vs 8 -9 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. 9When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

- Another dejavu experience?
- Only 2 times coals are used in NT – where Peter denied and where he was restored.

- In the same way Jesus served Peter (cooked, hospitality, kindness, generosity) we are to do the same. WE don't cancel those who have sinned; we participate in their restoration – if they are willing.

Vs 10-11 *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.*

Vs 12-14 *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.*

- Jesus keeps revealing Himself to His disciples – so it is with you.
- Today is another time he is doing it – to remind you to surrender to him – obey him – what's the last thing he told you to do?
- Maybe the last thing he told you was the first thing – surrender – and maybe that's today.

CONCLUSION

- He will meet you in your frustrations, your discontentment – he will meet your needs and he will satisfy your soul.

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