

More Lessons on Grace from Peter

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John 21:1-19

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Peter the Disciple - last week:

- Disciples of Jesus will have their faith tested
- Look to Jesus, not self when faced with temptation
- We should be aware how temptation comes, because it comes
- We each have a weak point – our besetting sin
- Never forget God's mercy to you despite your sins

God Gives Grace to those who Fail Miserably

- Every gospel writer tells of Peter's failure^{Mk26:75; Mk14:72; Lk22:61}
- John alone tells us of Peter's restoration in grace - John21
- Revenge: key theme of the world & movies
- John's gospel, Son is wrongly executed... revenge expected
- We would expect God the Father to extract revenge!
- Then John gives us chp 21 – for the wayward disciples

Peter Goes Fishing

- Peter - I'm going fishing^{21:3}; others join him
- Probably not what they were commissioned to do^{Lk24:49}
- Jesus comes to Peter while he's fishing again...
- Just as Jesus came called Peter^{Lk 5:4-11}; "you will catch men"

A Faithful Jesus Seeks His Friends Who Have Failed

- Jesus comes at daybreak after a night of failed fishing
- Jesus is seeking out these wayward disciples^{Mt18:12}
- Jesus was faithful in offering His life to redeem His friends
- Were these friends faithful? NO!
- Another Simon (of Cyrene^{Mk15:21}) carried cross not Peter
- Disciples hid^{Jn20:19}; fled^{Mk14:50}; denied Christ^{Jn18:27}

Jesus Gives Abundant Grace

- Jesus prepares a banquet for His betrayers⁹
- Jesus calls addresses them as Children-term of endearment
- How you would address those who betrayed you?
- Jesus has a feast of fish & bread set out for them!
- This is an enactment of grace to those failures
- This was a COSTLY meal - Jesus' blood at the Cross!
- Peter last charcoal fire had bad memories^{Jn18:18}
- Now Jesus invites them to feast with Him!^{21:9}

Jesus' Abundant Grace Makes Failures Strong

- Jesus tells them to bring some of the fish they caught...
- BUT Jesus already has fish & bread⁹ He doesn't need their fish!
- John tells of 153 large fish, none lost - acted out parable^{Jn6:37}
- Jesus called Peter to be a fisher of men, not fish
- Jesus' abundant grace is extended to sinners!
- After breakfast Jesus gives Peter 3 new memories
- "Feed my sheep" - Jesus reminded Peter of His calling!
- Trust Jesus, not self, don't look to others; Look to Jesus' love
- Peter will walk in Jesus' grace in old age¹⁸⁻¹⁹
- Peter wrote 2 Peter 1:3-11
- Rest in the Grace Jesus purchased for you!

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