

## When Your Old Ways Seem Like the Only Way

### I. Failure falsely tells us that we must go back to our \_\_\_\_\_ way of living.

*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. v. 3*

**A NEW WAY TO LIVE IS REMEMBERING THAT GOD WILL \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT HE STARTED.**

*"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:31-32*

### II. Failure falsely tells us that Jesus doesn't want \_\_\_\_\_ to do with us.

*Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. v. 4*

**A NEW WAY TO LIVE IS MEETING \_\_\_\_\_ JUST AS YOU ARE.**

*When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ... 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. vv. 9, 12*

### III. Failure falsely tells us that God will \_\_\_\_\_ us for our mistakes.

*He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." v. 17*

**A NEW WAY TO LIVE IS FOLLOWING GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ THAT WILL GLORIFY GOD.**

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." vv. 18-19*



### Compañerismo en Español

As our Spanish-speaking outreach continues to take shape, we're offering a fellowship entirely in Spanish for prayer, worship, encouragement, and exploring the future of this ministry in Fort Worth.



## HOME GROUP

# Lesson + Devotional

*Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.*

1. Read John 21:1-19. Why did Peter decide to go fishing? How does his decision echo times when you've felt like a failure in your own walk with Jesus?
2. Why didn't the disciples recognize Jesus? What encouraging thoughts about our future resurrected state does their experience bring to mind?
3. Why did Jesus compare His followers to sheep? How does the command "feed my sheep" compare with Jesus' previous command to be "fishers of men"?
4. Explain in your own words the three-fold commission Jesus gave Peter in response to Peter's three-fold declaration of love (vv. 15-17). What is Jesus wanting Peter, and by extension us, to understand here?
5. Why did Jesus raise the matter of Peter's death at this point?
6. What did you learn about Jesus from this appearance? Read also Luke 24:36-53.
7. If Jesus, knowing all you have done this week, asked you, "Do you love Me?" how would you feel, and how would you answer Him?
8. How are Jesus' instructions to you like and unlike those He gave Peter? How well are you fulfilling your instructions? How will this sermon help you do that?

## HELPFUL Quotes

Apparently these disciples longed to ask Jesus if the Person standing with them was truly He, but they did not dare to do so. This tension within them helps us understand that Jesus' resurrection was a challenge to the faith of even those who knew Him best. Had the beatings and His crucifixion so scarred His form that He scarcely resembled the Jesus that they had known? Or was His resurrection body so different that He looked like a stranger? We will have to wait to see Him for ourselves to get answers to these questions. *Tom Constable*

Have you noticed that the Lord uses what people have as the basis for His miracles? The disciples are fishing and catch nothing. The Lord Jesus gives them a harvest of fish. At Cana the water pots were empty. The Lord has the pots filled with water and then changes the water to wine. He asks Moses what he has in his hand. Moses says it is a rod, and with that rod, God performs His miracles for Israel. David is faithful as a shepherd with his shepherd's crook, and God gives him a scepter to hold in his hand. It is interesting that whatever is in your hand, God can use. So many people wish they were somewhere else or in some other circumstances. My friend, if God can't use you right where you are, I don't think He can use you somewhere else. *J. Vernon McGee*

## YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



### Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

### Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



### Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

### Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



## A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God. **(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)**
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good. **(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)**
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead. **(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)**
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life. **(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)**

### You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



*We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!*