

A Higher Call

John 21:15-19

Peter, following his humiliation, and in a position that required waiting on Christ, and then the holy spirit, we find that Peter chooses to go fishing. His fishing trip leads others back to what they knew before Christ. It is here that Christ meets them, It is here that Christ offers Peter a Higher Call.

I. A Call to Purpose

Matthew 4:19 KJV 1900

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

A. Restoration is offered

Matthew 16:22–23 KJV 1900

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Matthew 26:35 KJV 1900

Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Matthew 26:74 KJV 1900

Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

B. Do You Love Me?

Lovest thou me more than these?

1 Corinthians 13:13 KJV 1900

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

John 15:13 KJV 1900

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

1 Peter 2:24 KJV 1900

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Mark 14:29 KJV 1900

But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet *will* not I.

J. Vernon McGee stated, “We learn one all-important lesson from this interview. Love for the Savior is the prerequisite for service.”

Luke 14:26 KJV 1900

If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

II. A Call for Passion

A. Feed My lambs

If you look at Christ’s response following the first time He questioned Peter, Christ tells him to “Feed my lambs.”

B. Guide my Sheep

The second exhortation is “Feed my Sheep.” Actually it is “Shepherd the sheep”

He tells him to feed the lambs, but shepherd, guide or even discipline the sheep. The lambs follow the sheep, so He instructs him to guide these older sheep, and make sure they stay faithful to the Lord.

Conclusion

Today, Perhaps you are like Peter, sitting by the coals of that fire, gazing upon the nail scarred hands of the Saviour, and you hear him speak to your heart today as he gently asks you, “Do you love me?”

Matthew 22:37 KJV 1900

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

If you would like to be saved today, the Bible says that Christ is standing at your heart’s door and knocks seeking to come in and transform your life

Revelation 3:20 KJV 1900

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Romans 10:13 KJV 1900

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.