

## BREAKFAST BY THE SEA

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Key verses: John 21

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This whole scene takes place around a charcoal fire by the Sea of Galilee.

These seven disciples have a mindset. They were in Galilee where they met Jesus. What they had left, **they're** going back to. In this week their leader got killed on a cross. Suddenly they had no ministry. The whole idea that He's going to establish a kingdom so powerful **it's** going to get rid of the oppression of the Romans, just dissolved. It was disorienting. One of them betrayed Christ. Peter denied Him three times. He is feeling embarrassment and the team is scattered and confused.

The mission of changing the world is now... **"let's go fishing."** On top of it, the crowd that killed Jesus was still in town. There was a rumour this was a big hoax. They were scared and freaked out. They left Jerusalem and went to Galilee.

This story is about us. Jesus is so loving and wonderful, the way He does it. I think this manifestation was to re-orientate the disciples, to help them deal with the confusion, to get the mission back on track; to get their lives back on track.

Who of us has lost direction and become disillusioned? You feel it's **fake**.

See Jesus, the breakfast guy! Jesus used a breakfast to communicate with them. He's trying to connect their faith, their belief with everyday life. He's trying to get discipleship back on track.

If you disconnect with God, if you **don't** have fellowship with God, discipleship will never work. We'll **end up with religion, we'll end up with spiritual meetings, but we will not** have the essence of the faith!

It is fellowship with God and fellowship with one another where discipleship really happens. The rest are pure lectures.

He wants them to understand what it means to follow Him. Let's **have a look**:

#### John 21 ESV:

*1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2 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.*

They are not aborting their faith, they're busy aborting the mission – what Jesus meant when He said Follow Me – make you fishers of men. Nothing wrong with a fishing career, but **they're** aborting the mission part and Jesus wants to get that back on track. Each of us has been called to be on mission. We spend most of our energy/life on our jobs. **Don't** forget the mission we're on. Link it with everyday life. Discipleship is shepherding. Feed, tend my sheep/lambs. When they aborted the mission they went back to what they knew.

Have you ever felt disqualified, embarrassed, fearful? There us a disconnect similar to Peter's. Most miserable part is when you're on your own agenda and life **doesn't** work out. Can make millions but life means nothing. Still feel unfulfilled. Aborted something because you disqualified yourself.

*4 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."*

In the language of those days, "Hey boys! Have you caught anything?" Jesus took them back to the start and He's **putting everything back on track**.

*6 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.*

Somehow when Jesus comes on the scene in our difficult spot, He unlocks a supernatural dynamic and He comes just at the right time! God supernaturally brings a catch – cast your net on the other side. See the three responses – John, Peter and the other guys. John – the prophet saw very quickly, God's **hand** in it. Peter – put on clothes and jumps in! Others came in the boat with the fish. There's an individual response to God reaching out to you. Bring us back to the mission, each one of us. The church employed clergy to do the job and said lets go fishing.

*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. 8 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.*

*9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."*

Jesus- **let's do this thing together**. He brought first. He invited them back to a supernatural partnership. He wants to partner with us and use what we have and what He has and work a miracle. Not in our own strength. We have his authority.

*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. 12 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.*

He restored fellowship. So much happened around eating. Jesus still reaching out to you.

*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.*

*15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."*

*16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."*

*17 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."*

Jesus is still saying to you "follow Me" and "**As My Father sent me, even so I'm sending you.**" May we all have breakfast with Jesus... He's restoring fellowship.

He restores Peter and shows him who he is. It's not about how much we love Him, it's how much He loves us.

Discipleship is making room in your life for someone else. Shepherd them, care for them, love them, do everything together. Part of it is knowledge to be imparted, but most of it is connection. Jesus is restoring the meal, the fellowship. You need to be willing to connect. It's

about selfishness and inconvenience. We need to be willing to be inconvenienced. The mission involves sacrifice and is unique to who you are.

*18 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.**" 19 (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."***

That call goes out to everyone, not your agenda, going on mission with God, linking your faith to everyday life. There's a unique call.

*20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" 22 Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!"*

Forget about the others. Some will be seen, some won't. It's not about the others, you follow Him!