

Redemptive Love
I Have CALLED YOU by Name
Sunday, February 19th, 2023

John 21: 15-19

¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

¹⁸Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him,
“*Follow me!*”

1. **God Has Already Called You.** God has a specific purpose for you. Do you sense it? Do you see it? Have you set it aside?
2. **Jesus Mends the Wounds of Regret.** Do you carry regrets you have yet to let Jesus heal? You must first heal to return to your call.
3. **Jesus Restores and Commissions the Called.** His desire is to have a Body of people fulfilling their calling to bring heaven to earth.

Conclusion: Jesus will mend our wounded hearts and change our view from focusing on past regrets to the divine purpose we were created to carry out. His call doesn't change; it's our hearts that are transformed through His redemptive love as we come into the presence of our Healer.

LIFE GROUP LESS ON
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Week of February 19- February 25, 2023

Ice Breaker: Did you have a childhood dream that you let go? Why?

Read John 21: 15-19.

1. Read John 1:42. What do we know about the call on Peter's life? Why did Jesus change his name? What does Peter mean?
2. Read Matthew 16:18. What promise is given?
3. Read Luke 22: 31-32. What did Jesus foretell? What did He reveal about Peter's call?
4. What name did Jesus use here? (v.15) Why?
5. What question did Jesus ask Peter? (v.15) Why?
6. What was Peter's response?
7. Why does Jesus ask Peter the same question three times? (v.17)
8. What directive does Jesus give Peter each time?
9. What is Jesus making known about Peter's future? (vs. 18-19)
10. What is the final instruction and invitation given in this scene? (v.19) *Who* is Peter following? Why is this so powerful now?
11. Read Luke 22:34. What did Jesus tell Peter?
12. Read Mark 14: 66-72. What happened?
13. What is the wound that needs healing? What did this do to Peter's confidence, purpose, and sense of belonging?
14. Read John 21:3. This is after Jesus appeared, yet what is Peter doing? Why? What was Peter's profession before meeting Jesus?
15. When you stumble, have you fallen back on old habits? Why?
16. Read Isaiah 43:1. Who is the prophecy about? What does this mean for Peter? What does this mean for you?
17. Read John 21: 4-9. Where was Jesus? What was He preparing to do? Why might Jesus have a fire burning? Where else was a fire burning? Was Jesus creating a new scene for Peter?
18. Why go to the lengths Jesus did with the fish, the fire, the questions? How did this experience provide healing for Peter?
19. What does this teach you about the way our Savior works?
20. Read Philippians 1:6. Can you believe God will fulfill His purposes through you that He intended from the start? Will you follow Him?

Point to ponder: We can trust the call God has given us remains active and not one of our mistakes or regrets will make it null and void. If your heart is carrying a wound, look for your Savior, waiting to redeem you.