

# Restoring the Fallen

## John 21

**Richard Sibbes – There is more mercy in Christ than there is sin in us.**

**Luke 22:31-34**

**1 Peter 5:10-11**

**Great failures who have received great forgiveness make great followers.**

### **I. Appearing to the Disciples (vs. 1-14)**

A. Gone fishing (vs. 1-3)

Why the return to fishing?

B. The miracle (vs. 4-11)

A re-creation of the miracle of Luke 5 – first calling of disciples.

C. The breakfast (vs. 12-14)

“come and have breakfast”

**Revelation 3:20**

### **II. Restoring Peter (vs. 15-25)**

**Luke 24:33-34** – Peter’s private restoration; John 21 gives us his public restoration

A. Hurting Peter with the reality of his sin

parallels between this account and account in chpt. 18:

1) 21:4 – “early in morning”

2) 21:9 – “fire of burning coals”

3) Jesus asks Peter a question 3 times around the burning coals, and 3 times Peter has to answer.

**Hosea 6:1**

**AW Tozer – “it is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply.”**

B. Going after Peter’s heart

“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”

At the core, our sin is an issue of our heart and our love for Christ.

C. Entrusting Peter with a fresh start and future ministry

1. A renewed commission - “Feed my sheep”, take care of my sheep”

**1 Peter 5:1-3**

2. A strange comfort (vs. 18-19)

“Peter you will show me that you love me by the kind of death you die to glorify God”

“Peter, you will die in utter faithfulness, not in utter failure.”

**By God’s grace, a great failure who has received great forgiveness can become a great follower.**