

Don't Lose Your Way
John 20:30- John 21:25
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For I know the plans I have for you”—this is the LORD’s declaration—“plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

I. IT IS EASY TO LOSE YOUR WAY

A. We must depend on God

1. Prayer
2. Preparation
3. Purpose
4. Perseverance

B. Reality is there are a lot of WOUNDED warriors.

II. JESUS HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND WAS APPEARING TO HIS FOLLOWERS BEFORE RETURNING TO HEAVEN.

A. The disciples must have felt LOST on what to do next.

B. Jesus told them to wait and he would meet them in Galilee.

C. With nothing on the agenda, Peter took the lead and announced he was going fishing

1. Peter and the sons of Zebedee shared a lot of history with this region.
2. This is where Jesus called them to be “fishers of men” (Mark 1:17)

- D. For three years these men followed their messiah, learning from Him and expecting Him to reign as King of the Jews.
 - E. Everything changed in a matter of hours
 - 1. Jesus was arrested
 - 2. Jesus was tried and judged
 - 3. Crucified
 - 4. Resurrected
- III. THE DISCIPLES WERE WAITING FOR THE NEXT STEP(John 20:30-21:14)
- A. Peter and six others decided to go fishing
 - B. There is nothing wrong with going fishing
 - C. They needed Jesus to help them catch fish
 - D. Jesus didn't **CONDEMN** them for going fishing
 - E. Three significant details
 - 1. Jesus had prepared a charcoal fire
 - 2. Jesus had fish on the fire
 - 3. Jesus had loaves of bread waiting
 - F. We sometimes forget the emotional trauma the disciples endured during the Lord's passion.
 - G. What are your old familiar places that you go to?
 - H. We are all in need of **RESTORATION**.

Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us Ephesians 3:20

IV. **JESUS COMMISSIONED PETER THREE TIMES (John 21:15-25)**

- A. Peter had denied Jesus three times
- B. Peter was now ready to tend and shepherd Jesus' lambs and sheep
- C. Jesus had modeled and taught him to be a servant
 - 1. He had to come to terms with his **LIMITATIONS.**
 - 2. He had to come to terms with his priorities.

V. GOD HAS OPENED THE DOORS TO GO TO A SMALLER CHURCH AND I MUST OBEY- THIS IS MY CALLING

- A. Calvary Chapel is a loving congregation
 - 1. Its' focus is on loving God and loving others
 - 2. More interested in building people than building buildings.
 - 3. Calvary Chapel has a strong leadership team
 - 4. It is built on a strong foundation of Jesus
 - 5. Calvary Chapel is a strong healthy church that is Christ Centered and Outward focused.
- B. As a congregation you must keep your eyes on Jesus and the ultimate price(Phil. 3:14)
- C. You will always be our family

VI. NO ONE MAKES IT THROUGH LIFE FAILURE FREE

- A. I haven't and you won't
- B. We are all one second from stupid
- C. Jesus still gives what he gave Peter complete and total restoration.
- D. Can anyone turn a denying Peter into a proclaiming Peter

**JESUS CAN
HE DID THEN
HE DOES STILL**