Restoring a Friend John 21:15-19

Introduction

At some point, we are all going to crash.

At some point, someone you care about is going to crash. Jesus gives us a model for putting things back together again.

- John's end to his book on daring faith.
 - a. John 20:30-31.
 - b. But wait! He has one more story to tell.
 - Read John 21:15-19.
 - d. Nobody experiences life as an unbroken string of spiritual successes.
 - e. Use of the words for love through this passage.

II.

- and ___ a. Jesus starts with the most important question when you've had spiritual failure, "
 - i. Despite enormous failure, Peter loves Jesus.
 - ii. Why is Peter fishing again? Does he think his apostleship has been revoked?
- b. Is Peter more ______I to the church because he failed?
 - i. Peter has scars, so do the rest of us.
 - ii. "Feed my sheep, care for my lambs."
 - iii. Jesus things have changed, and you are heading in a different direction.
- evolve over the years.
 - i. The small child thinks parents are perfect.
 - ii. Eventually they realize they are not perfect or ignorant – relationship is built on mutual failure, forgiveness, and love.
 - iii. Faith matures that way too. Peter is in the midst of evolving in his relationship with Jesus.

Conclusion

1.	He goes back to the	·
2.	He tells him to	his vision from himself and to
	look for other people.	

him on what lies ahead.

We cannot think about yesterday!

Jesus does 3 things for Peter:

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Roswell, NM 88201 (575) 622-1350 Sunday Worship $(10:00 \otimes 4:00)$ Wednesday Bible Study (6:30) Sunday Bible Study (9:00)

L**ife Groups** (Various Locations) Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo Lee Rogers - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month: **OUR MISSION**

evangelism, benevolence,

and edification. -Luke 19:10 To seek and save the lost through

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Worship Order – April 18, 2021

Welcome: Michael Nelson Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion Thought: Jesse McCarty

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Restoring a Friend"

Invitation Song: Closing Song:

Closing Prayer: Greg Nibert

Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)

Sermon on the Mount – Doug Austin (Worship Center) "The Help Club for Mom's" bible study – Taryn Houghtalin (Rm. 27) "Now That I'm a Christian" - Oscar Hernandez/Mike Joy (Small F.) Revelation (Spanish) – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22) Jr. High/High School – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26) JL $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ grade – (Rm. 20); JL $4^{th} - 6^{th}$ grade – (Rm. 15) 4's, 5's & Kinder – Amy Joy (Rm. 11) 3-year old's - Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

> Nursery up through age 2 – Various teachers (Rm. 1) Wednesday Evening Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)

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Prayer Requests

- Sherwyn Smith, Shana West's mom, has been transferred to a care facility in Clovis. She is under the care of hospice.
- Lee Foster, Chris
 Meadows' dad, is
 dealing with severe
 arthritis & is unable to
 walk. He also is having
 serious vision issues.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal,
Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil,
Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks,
Tim Miller, Mary Lou Hall,
Ray & Joanne Magness,
Sam & Pat Gentry,
Cheryl Ringheimer,
Helen Aston, Elaine Bell,
Glen & Carolyn Browning,
Geneva Fender,
Kathleen Sherman,
Alicia Bennett, Sherwyn
Smith, Neva Doyle, Linda
Bergman, Dennis Seik,
Leah Williams

From the Mailbag...

To Country Club Rd. Church of Christ,
God is so very good and so are you. Thank you very much for
the prayers and cards that the CofC family has sent to me from
the family there. Not one of us knows what is ahead, but we
are confident in our God's love and care for our future and
what Jesus has done for each of us. "Oh, what a Savior!" Thank
you again for your encouragement. Sincerely,
Geneva Fender (Paula Reynolds' mom)

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Kent Taylor, Phil Sexton, Dale Rogers **Men on Duty**: Alan Warboys, Rodney Rogers, Kevin

McCormack, Thomas Beard, Mac Rogers

Greeters: Larry & Patricia Fitts, Bob & Betty Ullery

Life@CCR

- Our condolences are extended to the family of Mary Joy, who passed away on Thursday morning, April 15th. Prayers for the Joy family are much appreciated at this time.
- A few ladies are getting together to participate in an online virtual ladies retreat on Saturday, May 1st. The bible study, entitled, "Be Courageous & Act," requires registration. If you are interested in participating, or would like more details, please visit www.comefillyourcup.com and go to the virtual retreat tab at the top of the page. You can also get with Rachel or Mattie McCarty for more information.
- We have an individual who recently relocated from Artesia and moved into Avamere Assisted Living. She needs a ride to church on Sunday mornings. If this would be something you are willing to do, please let the office know.
- Senior Sunday is scheduled to take place on May 16th. If your child is graduating from high school this year, please let the office know! In addition, at your earliest convenience, please email a photo as well as a couple of sentences regarding their future plans. Email to ccrcoc@gmail.com.
- We are in need of teachers for our children's bible classes!
 We hope to start Wednesday evening classes in June and could use help for all ages. Additional help is also needed on Sunday mornings. Let us know if you would be willing to jump in!
- Parents, don't forget about the Children's Bulletins put out each Sunday at the HomePointe Center. The bulletins are intended for kids aged 3 years + and 7 years +. Michael puts new bulletins out each Sunday.

For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class	119
Sunday Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	33
Weekly Contribution	\$8,032

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

18 th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m.	
	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5	
	FM or Facebook Live.	
19 th	Elders' meeting @ 4:30 p.m.	
	Dana Powell's b-day.	
21 st	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.	
	Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m., also	
	available on Facebook Live.	

Pantry Items Needed: Canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken

Life Group Study Guide

- 1. What stands out to you about the story of how Jesus put Peter back together?
- 2. What do you like about this story? Is there anything you don't like?
- 3. How do we deal with the scars of our own failures? What about the scars of others?
- 4. Why is Peter more useful to the kingdom after his failure? How does this impact our failures? The failures of others around us?
- 5. Why is Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" so important?
- 6. Jesus re-focused Peter ("Feed my sheep"); how does God refocus us after our failures?
- 7. Why shouldn't we think about yesterday's failures? Why is that so hard? Is there ever a time when we should think about past failures?