

FULL ^{OF} HOPE, FAR ^{FROM} HOME

Study in 1 Peter

Sermon Title: Introduction to 1st Peter

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2; John 21:1-14

INTRODUCTION

1 Peter 1:1-2; 1 Peter 5:12 -

I. BLESSED FAILURE

Note: John 21:1-14 is for failures. This post resurrection appearance shows us how Jesus works with the disciples, in their failure, to teach them about His grace and sufficiency.

John 21:1, 14 -

A. The Miscellaneous Facts (John 21:1-3)

The Location...

The People...

The Decision...

B. The Miserable Failure (John 21:3-5)

Note: All of this (them not catching one fish) is from the sovereign hand of God; it's an object lesson that Jesus desires to use in their lives!

1 Peter 5:6; John 15:5; 1 Corinthians 4:7 -

C. The Miraculous Fish (John 21:6-8)

Note: Their glaring inadequacy is met by His abundant sufficiency.

D. The Meaningful, Memorable Fellowship (John 21:9-13)

Note: They learned where success lies, where sufficiency is found, and failure taught it to them!

1) Our false thoughts of self-sufficiency must stop!

2) Our dependence upon Christ's presence and sufficiency must be ongoing!

“Though you have not seen Him [Jesus], you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” (1st Peter 1:8-9)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How can God use failure for good in our lives? Can you think of examples from the Bible and examples from your own life where this was true?
2. In John 21, why does Jesus, from the shore, ask a question that highlights the disciples' failure?
3. What is significant about the number of fish that the disciples caught? Why is it significant that the nets were not torn?
4. In what ways/areas are you tempted to trust and rest in yourself instead of looking to Jesus for His strength and wisdom? Please take some time to confess those things to the Lord.