

Restoration from Failure

Text: John 21:1-17

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I. Introduction

II. Peter's Background

- A. Peter knew correct doctrine (Matt. 16:15-18)
- B. Peter was committed to Jesus (Matt. 16:21-23; 26:30-35)
- C. Peter denied Jesus (Matt. 26:69-75)

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III. Peter leaves the ministry, re-enters secular life (John 21:3-11)

IV. Jesus questions Peter's love (John 21:15-17)

- A. First question (v.15)
- B. Second question (v.16)
- C. Third question (v.17)

V. How Jesus restored Peter from failure.

- A. Jesus changed the focus from Peter to Himself.
- B. Jesus took the time to allow for restoration.
- C. Jesus gave Peter responsibility to serve Christ's body.

VI. Summary

- A. Be sorry and repent.
- B. Look to Jesus. He is unfailing and worthy of steadfast love and devotion.
- C. Take time to honestly assess and address what caused us to fail.
- D. Determine to actively obey and follow Jesus from this point on.