

# GOD RESTORES: RUN BACK TO JESUS

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Peter was in his mid-teens when Jesus called him (Luke 5:3-5). He knew about Jesus and experienced a miracle of an abundant catch of fish (Luke 5:6-7). Peter responded with awe and respect and saw himself as a sinful man. After revealing Himself to Peter, Jesus called him to become His follower (Luke 5:8,10) where he would go on to witness many more miracles as he followed Him. Yet even after experiencing all that, Peter still failed the Lord by denying Him (Matthew 26:69-75). We too, deny Jesus when we lie, cheat, etc. and we fail Him. But how does God restore us?

## HE REACHES OUT (John 21:1-5)

After Jesus resurrected (and had appeared to the disciples), Peter and a few others still decided to go back to fishing even if Jesus had already called Peter to become a “fisher of men”. Like them, we sometimes run back to our old ways when we fail. We allow ourselves to be consumed by sin — yet God reaches out to us despite our failure. Like Jesus standing on the shore calling out to Peter, He actively seeks those who are lost (Luke 19:10). The Lord seeks us by surrounding us with people of faith: we may get invited to a church service, hear God’s words through a Christian song, or see a verse on social media, etc. We seek what’s important to us — and you are important to God!

## HE REMINDS (John 21:6-13)

Jesus reminded Peter of the first time He called Him to follow Him. He reminded Peter and the other disciples of WHO He is: the One who called them and the God who can accomplish miracles (bountiful catch of fish, net not breaking). When Jesus prepared breakfast by breaking the bread and giving fish to His disciples, He reminded them of the Lord’s Supper, that Jesus sacrificed His body and shed His blood to save His people. Being reminded of who Jesus is will be our greatest motivation to stand again when we fail.

## HE REBUKES (John 21:14-17)

Jesus also rebukes us when we sin. When we only receive encouragement and not rebuke, that is not love at all. We will not know where to improve. That’s why Jesus rebuked Peter.

Although Jesus did not rebuke Peter right away, He asked Peter three times if he loved Him, and each time Peter responded that he did. But Peter was grieved that Jesus asked him three times, the same number of times that Peter denied Him. It was a rebuke from the Lord.

There are consequences to our sins — it could be shame, rebuke, emotional hurt, sickness from sexual sins, loss, damaged relationships, or even death. Part of God’s rebuke is His discipline, and He allows those whom He loves to experience those consequences as part of His discipline (Hebrews 12:5-6). As a proper response, we need to admit our sins, accept God’s discipline, and continue to abide in Him. When we abide in Jesus, we receive the comfort we need. Although God restores us after we confess, the consequences of our sin tell us that it’s not worth it to continue sinning.

## HE RECOMMISSIONS (John 21:18-22)

Jesus recommissions Peter by telling him to “Tend His lambs”, “Shepherd My sheep”, and “Tend My sheep” — but then Peter looked to John in comparison to himself, to which Jesus replied, ““If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!” (v.22). Like Peter, we often compare our lives with others. Their restoration process may be “easier” than ours, but we are not to focus on others. We focus on and follow Jesus!

Eventually, Peter led the church during the time of great persecution under Emperor Nero — and he never denied Jesus again. At the time when 1 and 2 Peter were written, he was committed to the Lord, no matter how difficult it was. Broken people who humble themselves make a great impact in God’s kingdom because we see how God restores them. Peter wrote about this in his letter to the persecuted church (1 Peter 5:6-7), and he also warns believers against our enemy, the devil (1 Peter 5:8-9).

Finally, 1 Peter 5:10 tells us that it is “God Himself who will perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you”. Our imperfections cannot limit the God of all grace to move mightily in our lives. Our response is to humble ourselves and run back to Jesus because we have a God who restores!



## last week's memory verse

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

1 PETER 5:10

## discuss this message

What areas in your life are you struggling with and how are you dealing with that?

What sins in your youth or in the past are still haunting you until today?

Since God actively reaches out to us, what do you think is God doing to help you deal with your struggles?

Knowing that God is the God who restores, how do you think God wants you to respond when it comes to your struggles?

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ZOOM: November 6, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

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### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13

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