

FOLLOW ME

Message Notes

By The Fire: A Story of Restoration

Sunday, November 16, 2025 | Tommy Duke

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Jesus Restores Peter

John 21:1-22

“Several of the disciples were there – Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. Simon Peter said, ‘I’m going fishing.’ ‘We’ll come, too,’ they all said...” – John 21:2-3

HOW I SHOULD RESPOND TO JESUS’ RESTORING LOVE

3 Lessons from the Life of Peter

- **R_____ TO JESUS.**

“...When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.” – John 21:7

(Jesus) “...And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.” – Luke 15:20

Follow Me Principle:

Memory Verse:

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.” – Romans 8:38

• **R_____ FROM JESUS.**

“‘Now come and have some breakfast!’ Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.”
– John 21:12-13

(Jesus) *“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’ But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.”*
– Luke 15:21-24

• **R_____ BY JESUS.**

“A third time he asked him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, ‘Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Then feed my sheep.’” – John 21:17

“...Then Jesus told [Peter], ‘Follow me.’ Peter asked Jesus, ‘What about him, Lord?’ Jesus replied, ‘If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.’
– John 21:19, 21-22

(Jesus) *“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”* – John 3:16

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Romans 8:38.
- ☐ Thank God for His unconditional love for me.
- ☐ Return to Jesus and recommit to being used by Him.
- ☐ Plan to attend next Sunday’s Thanksgiving service and meal.

* Join us again next Sunday, November 23, at 11:00am, as we conclude our *Follow Me* teaching series with “Complete My Mission: A Story of Significance.” Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday together.



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