



July 21, 2024 Sermon Notes

Sermon:

“A Fishing Trip To Remember”

(John 21:5-6)

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Sermon Text:

John 21:5-6 ESV

Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." [6] He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

Background:

- Here in this 21st chapter of John after John 20 from resurrection, seeing His disciples, and even seeing Thomas now here is Jesus in another scenario that shows another time that He has been revealed. It is Jesus who revealed himself to His disciples at the Sea of Tiberias which was the Sea of Galilee, and this sea lies in the deep trough of the Jordan valley, almost due East of the Bay of Acre. The surface is 680 ft. below the level of the Mediterranean. It varies in depth from 130 ft. to 148 ft.
- Then here you see that Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, and the sons of Zebedee who were James and John and two other disciples were together, and then here was Simon Peter that said that he was going fishing. After Simon Peter announced it, the other disciples said that they would go with Simon Peter and they all got into a boat but that night they didn't catch anything.
- Night time was the best time to fish in these times, and the reason it was this way was because these fish could be sold in the marketplace in the morning. Then without anything to show for that whole night, it was Jesus that showed up but they didn't even know that it was Jesus, even after He had just revealed Himself to His disciples, and it was at the breaking of day that Jesus showed up.

- It is amazing how Simon Peter goes fishing at night, and how this text has similarities to Luke 5 when they toiled all night and caught nothing until Jesus showed up, and now you see that they are going fishing and even though they went to the water they caught nothing. That is what happens that even though you go to water and lake that doesn't mean you are going to catch anything, but then now you see what happens when you do have to live with failure, and not just that how do you bounce back because even though you have a tough time don't forget that Jesus is there, and since Jesus is there it isn't over until the Lord gets down.
- The Lord has you, the Lord will guide you, and the Lord will bless you but that is also when any person has to realize that there will be tough times, but don't quit. Don't quit, and don't give in but that is when you have to make sure that you know that Jesus is there, Jesus is alive, and Jesus will never forget you. That is the key, and that is the reality, and we must always trust in the Lord and since we trust in the Lord a tough night won't be the last chance if you keep going and trusting in the Lord things can and will turn around from sadness to happiness!

“Don't Forget How You Got Here”

- Look at the text, and look at how these disciples didn't have anything until the Lord showed up! The Lord showed up for them, because they were without and they didn't have anything but once God showed up that's when the fish came, that's when they couldn't even haul in all of the fish! They went from empty to full, and there's a blessing in that just knowing how they went from nothing to a miracle and you know anytime you trust in the Lord, and anytime you follow the Lord you ought to know that miracles come!
- It was that close to where you just didn't want it anymore, and it was at that moment that the Lord showed up! You ever notice that the Lord strategically shows up right before you are ready to wave the white flag, you ever notice that when you had made up in your mind that you were done but when you were at that point, something in you said not so fast and because you had a not so fast moment, and because of that not so fast moment it was right then and there, that you saw that what once looked dead God let come alive!
- I know we trust the Lord, I know we follow the Lord, and I know that we believe in the Lord but have you ever felt like everybody else was getting a blessing, everybody else was winning, everybody else was smiling, and not having any problems but me! You ever felt like that, and you ever felt like it wasn't any need to try again because it was just like bad news after bad news, and it seemed like nothing was going my way at all!
- Aren't you thankful that the Lord has allowed you to have a moment, that looked dead to now it is alive! That should make you glad, that should make you thankful, and that should make you enthusiastic because you know that the Lord made a way

for you, the Lord blessed you, the Lord helped you, the Lord put it together, and the Lord turned a bad day into an incredible day! The Lord turned your tears into smiles, the Lord turned your heartbreak into rejoicing, the Lord turned your low moments into conquering moments, and the Lord turned your setbacks into a blessing because the Lord didn't leave you and me alone!

- **When the Lord gives you a new experience, don't ever forget how you got there, and don't ever forget the struggle and journey! You see it in the text, that they made the right move and the fish came, and then you see that when they were able to get it because they made the right move when God spoke! You ought to know that I have what I have because I followed God, because I listened to God, and because I trusted in the Lord and trusting in the Lord is why I am here right now.**
- **He will always stay true to His word, and when the Lord tells us that we can count on Him that's what He means! We should never not depend on Him, but we should always depend on Him and we should always know that He will make things better and that He will let us grow in faith! Faith grows when all you can do is trust in the Lord, you can't control how the season in your life will be but you can control how you act and respond, and when you follow the Lord and believe in the Lord that's good to know that I can trust in Him enough, and trust in Him to always do it and He has done so much for me that I just can't help myself, but to rely and depend on Him enough to know that He will work it out!**

"Have The Right Attitude"

- **I have a praise that goes forward, I have a praise that can't be cut, I have a praise that won't be slashed, I have a praise that won't be messed up, I have a praise that won't be left alone, and I have a praise that won't go away because the Lord let me get a catch! You ought to be thankful for the catch, you ought to be grateful for the catch, you ought to be glad for the catch, and you ought to make sure that you never forget that the Lord did it!**
- **Don't praise the Lord just for the fish, but you ought to praise the Lord for how the Lord let you get the fish, you ought to praise the Lord for how the Lord don't let you stop, and you ought to praise the Lord that you got another shot! I'm glad for another shot, I've had my times of hurts, my times of distress, my times of heartbreaks, my times of losses, and my times of having losing streaks but here I am able to testify about how good the Lord is!**
- **Look at them in the text, they went from nothing to so much they couldn't haul it in! They went from nothing to now they have so much, and there's something to be said about not leaving the lake, following the Lord's voice, and trusting in the Lord's plan even when it doesn't make sense! There's something to be said about that, it doesn't always make sense but it eventually works out, it might be slow, it might be more than one attempt, and it might take you time after time, and even going a**

longer route but there's something to be said about waiting on the Lord because it will be worth it, and it will come through at the right time!

- **The Lord specializes in blessings, the Lord specializes in taking care of you, the Lord specializes in helping you, the Lord specializes in making sure that I'm going to be good! The presence of the fish display the power of the Lord, the presence of the fish shows the love of the Lord, and the presence of the fish shows the care of the Lord because the love that the Lord has for me and you comes through when you look at the text, because when somebody loves you they'll make sure to make sure that you are good, they'll make sure you are not suffering, and they will refuse to leave you in a despairing situation!**
- **The Lord watches you, and the Lord loves me and that love He has for me pulls me closer to Him and makes me want Him! I follow Him and worship Him, because I have seen Him work in my life, I've seen Him pull me through devastation, I've seen Him pull me through me mess, I've seen Him pull me through rough times, I've seen Him pull me through ruptures in my life, I've seen Him pull me through the valleys, I've seen Him pull me through the troubles, and I've seen Him pull me through the worries because He is true to His word!**

This Week's Goals:

- Read Psalms 118!
- Praise God!
- Write down what you are thankful for!

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