

Series: Simply Jesus

Title: One Final Teaching Moment

Text: (John Chapter 21)

Recap the last 2 Chapters

This was Jesus' Final Teaching Moment.

(John 21:1-2)

They were supposed to stay put in Jerusalem!

(Lk 24:49) *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

Faithfulness in the Little Things - Have a Huge Impact

When we are not doing what we are supposed to be doing,
WE ARE OUT OF THE WILL OF GOD!

Illus: What if you took a break from being a parent for a few days or weeks?

(John 21:3) *Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing.*

I. When we get out of the Will of God, we go back to the Old Life!

Peter was never intended to go back to this!

(Lk 5:10) *from henceforth thou shalt catch men.*

II. When we get out of the Will of God, we take others with us! *(They say unto him, We also go with thee.)*

(John 21:3b) *They say unto him, We also go with thee.*

Illus: Dad and Mom, you are the compass!

They become what you are!

Peter led 6 other disciples astray!

III. It's Easy to get out of the Will of God: (John 21:3c)

They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately;

The old life is always close at hand.

Comes Naturally.

Old Friends, Old Habits, Old Likes.

You do not have to fight your flesh to go back to the old life.

We get out of the Will of God in the Dark & At Night

We sneak off into sin, thinking no one will ever suspect us!

But we always come back home broken.

IV. When you are out of the Will of God, you are Fruitless

(John 21:3d) *they caught nothing.*

We can't bear fruit with out Jesus.

(Jn 15:4-5) *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

Yet we keep trying to bear fruit w/o Jesus.

Definition of Insanity:

You have YET to see what God WOULD do

(Not COULD DO) But What God WOULD DO

if you would totally surrender yourself to Jesus!

(John 21:4) **Jesus has a way of showing up when you least expect.**

The Bright and Morning Star!

(Mark 13:35-37; Lk 12:36-38)

V. When we are out of the Will of God, We don't see

Jesus in our Circumstances! *Illus: No Bars on the Phone!*

YOU ARE OFFICIALLY ROAMING!

Try to walk to another room.

Well, did it do any good? Is it working? NO!

(Jn 21:5)

Any Fruit? love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance:

They answered him, No. DUH!

Why did you get saved in the 1st place?

What Good does running back to our old life do?

Or hiding?

Abiding in Christ Precedes Fruit bearing-

(Jn 15:4,7-8)

(John 21:6) **We have to obey His commands!**

Do it His way!

AND NOW *they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.*

(Eph 3:20) Guess what, IT WORKED!

Who Da Think?

Illus: The Fish listened, why don't we!

(Jn 21:7) - He will use what ever means necessary to get through to you!

There is no hiding when you are out of the Will of God!

(for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

(John 21:8-9) **Jesus has already provided for them**

(John 21:10-14)

V. We Called to Love God!

So Peter, What's it gonna be? Me or the Fish?

(John 21:15) *Illus: You're my Best Friend!-(Good)*

(John 21:16) *Illus: You're my Brother, were Blood!-(Better)*

(John 21:17) *Illus: You're my Saviour, one I love most of all!-(Best)*

Love is to be the Christian's Motivation: Not just NT thing
(Deut 6:5) *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*
(Deut 11:1) *Love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.*

(Deut 11:13) *Love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,*

(Deut 11:22) *Love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;*

(Deut 19:9) *Love the Lord thy God, and to walk ever in his ways;*

(Deut 30:6,16,20)

We see this command in the NT:

(Matt 22:37) (Mk 12:30) (Luke 10:27)

(2 Cor 5:14-15) *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

VI. We are Called to Surrender to God's Will:

God's will won't always be easy, or comfortable! (John 21:18-19)

(Ps 116:15) *the death of his saints.*

Everybody wants Eternal Life, but not Daily Death!

(1 Cor 15:31) *“I die daily.”*

Death to Sin!

Death to Self! (Rom 6:11) *but Alive unto God*

Illus: *De-thrown Self and put God on the Thrown Daily!*

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(Not Could Do, or Might Do)

But What God WOULD DO

if you would totally surrender yourself to Jesus!

(2 Pet 1:10) -Calling and election sure!

Are you Saved?

Illus: *Circumstances Change, God's will doesn't!*

(Ps 116:16) *O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.*

Truly: I Know it! I need to live it so others will know it!

(Ps 116:17) **I will offer** *to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.*

I will offer my Prayer. (Prov 8:17)

I will offer my Praise! (Ps 145:21)

(Ps 116:18) **I will pay my vows** *unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.*

I Will MAN UP!

Not just at church, but Home, Work, School & at Play!

Don't worry about what others are doing-Live what you Know!

(John 21:20-21) Mind your own Business.

Illus: *you got all you can handle!*

You got your orders!

Circumstances Change, God's Will doesn't Change:

God's General Will (John 14:15) *If we love Him we will obey!*

Get Saved! - 2 Pet 3:9

Get Baptized – Matt 28:19; Acts 2:38, 41

Illus: *This is where the majority of Christians STALL OUT.*
Matt 5:41

Read the Bible – Josh 1:8; Rom 10:17; Ps 1:1-2

Pray – Lk 18:1; Ps 55:17; Prov 8:17,

Attend Church! – Heb 10:24-25

Tithes & Offerings: 1Cor 16:1-2; Mal 3:8-11; Hab 1:6

Share your faith! – Acts 1:8; Mat 10:32-33 Ashamed?

These NEVER EVER Change!

God's specific will for you personally will from time to time!

But until you are clear, don't stop the General Will!