

Facing Failure
Jesus Offers Hope – Part 1
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Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV) For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Psalms 42:5 (ESV) Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

Proverbs 10:28 (ESV) The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

1. Without Jesus, you can do _____

John 21:3 (ESV) Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

John 21:5 (ESV) Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.”

John 21:6 (ESV) 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.

2. Jesus has everything you _____

John 21:9 (ESV) When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

John 21:10-11 (ESV) Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

John 21:13 (ESV) Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

3. Jesus forgives our _____

Mark 14:29 (ESV) Peter said to him [Jesus], “Even though they all fall away, I will not.”

John 21:15 (ESV) When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

John 21:16 (ESV) He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

John 21:17 (ESV) He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend for our message series **Jesus Offers Hope** next Sunday.
- How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. How would you define hope? Why is the object of hope important?

According to Jeremiah 29:11, where does hope come from?

What is the opposite of hope (Psalm 42:5)? What kinds of situations can cause someone to lose hope?

What is the difference between the hope of a believer and the expectation of the unbeliever (Proverbs 10:28)?

1A. How do you think the disciples felt after fishing all night and catching nothing (John 21:3)?

1B. Why do you think that Jesus called the disciples “Children” in John 21:5 (only time in the Gospels)?

1C. What lesson was Jesus seeking to teach the disciples with the miraculous catch of fish (John 21:6)?

1D. What kinds of lessons does God teach us from our failures in life?

2A. What is the significance of the charcoal fire with fish and bread that Jesus had prepared (John 21:9, John 18:17-18)?

2B. Why did Jesus ask the disciples to bring some of the fish they caught (John 21:10-11)?

2C. What principle(s) can we learn from Jesus feeding the disciples breakfast (John 21:13, John 13:14)?

2D. What can we learn from this story about being a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19)? How can we fish for men?

3A. What attitude was Peter expressing in Mark 14:29?

3B. In what way does Jesus’ question for Peter in John 21:15 relate back to Mark 14:29?

3C. Why was Peter grieved that Jesus asked him three times if he loved Him (John 21:16-17)? Why did Jesus ask three times?

3D. What is different between being a fisherman and a shepherd (John 21:15-17)? Why are both essential ministries in the church?

3E. What has this passage taught you about moving from failure to hope?