

September 17 | Sunday

Peter: Feeding Sheep

Read [John 21:1-19](#)



18 | Mon – Devastation | Read [Luke 24:1-12](#)

After Calvary, Peter and the other disciples were devastated and hiding, *not* eagerly waiting for Jesus to be raised from the dead. Instead of great joy, Peter seem confused by what he saw at the empty tomb. Have you ever experienced something so devastating that, when it began to turn around, you could hardly believe it? Our good, all-knowing, and all powerful God is a master at turning the worst things in life into something of beauty (Isaiah 63:10).

19 | Tue – Who me? Yes, you! | Read [Mark 16:1-7](#)

What a sad story it would be if Peter had let failure take his life, as Judas did. Still, it is likely Peter believed his denial of Jesus would haunt him for the rest of his life. When the angel at the empty tomb spoke to the women, he gave an invitation from Jesus to the disciples. “Go, tell his disciples, *especially Peter...*” Jesus made sure that Peter knew he was specifically invited. What does that tell you about Jesus grace toward Peter...and toward you?

20 | Wed – Mystery man | Read [John 21:1-7](#)

Back in Galilee, Peter and six other disciples decided to return to their old occupation of fishing but were unsuccessful after an all-night endeavor. Then as the sky began to lighten, a man addressed them from the shore. When Peter realized who it was, he jumped out of the boat to get to Jesus as fast as he could. Why do you think he did that? What makes you run to Jesus?

21 | Thu – 153 fish | Read [John 21:8-14](#)

God often speaks to people by connecting something in the present to a memory from the past. Jesus built a fire on the beach, reminding us that Peter’s faith crashed and burned around the fire pit in Caiaphas’ courtyard. When Jesus blessed the bread/fish and distributed it to the disciples, what do you think that reminded them of? Has God ever reminded you of significant events in the past that relate to your present experience?

22 | Fri – Then and now | Read [John 21:15-19](#)

That fateful night in the courtyard, Peter gave three strong denials of being associated with Jesus. Then on the beach, the resurrected Jesus gave Peter a chance to *reaffirm* his love three times. But notice Peter’s final answer; he added a few more words - “Lord, you know all things...” What failures might haunt your relationship with Jesus? Can you imagine yourself on the beach with him? Hear Jesus asking *you* that question three times. Can you answer as Peter did? It is the basis for our hope that the Man of compassion knows all things.

23 | Sat – One day changed everything | Read [Acts 2:1-24 and 37-41](#)

Jesus died on the day of Passover celebration. Pentecost was the Jewish harvest festival that came 50 days later. This was the day God chose to fulfill an ancient prophecy (Joel 2:28-32) by pouring out his Holy Spirit. Fifty days earlier Peter could not even admit to a servant girl that he knew Jesus. But on this day, Peter was transformed. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, he boldly proclaimed Jesus as the Christ, the Savior. In one day, a tiny band of misfits became a community of thousands. What does God want to do in you? Ask.