

Today's Sermon Title:

Sunday 1-28-18

Announcements:

RESET
YOUR SOUL

Notes:

The Freedom Center Church

2302 FM 1092 (Murphy Rd)

Missouri City Tx 77459

Off 281-499-0594



Reset Your Soul

Note to TOM

HEY TOM..... PLEASE PREPARE THE CLOSING POINTS TO BE PROJECTED so people can see them as I say them at the end of the message

Video: Dropbox (FCC)\Video\ Revival Countdown.mpg

Video: Dropbox (FCC)\Video\ promisedlandpetersprimacytabgha_720p (before Message)

- I think this title has a double meaning this morning..
- This is certainly a message drawing from the RESET of Peters from his failure... but I think the Lord would want all of us to receive a RESET.... A RESET in our Soul ... in how we see things.... How we hear things ... how we respond to things.... RESET in our soul...

John 21:15-19 (NASB)

¹⁵So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, do you ^(b)love Me more than these?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I ^(a)love You." He *said to him, "Tend My lambs." ¹⁶He *said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you ^(a)love Me?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I ^(a)love You." He *said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." ¹⁷He *said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you ^(b)love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you ^(b)love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I ^(b)love You." Jesus *said to him, "Tend My sheep.

- Peter is experiencing a reset by Jesus.
- We've looked at his failure It was Epic...
- Peter walked with Jesus for over 3 years every day. He sat under his teaching and he was an eye witness to his miracles...
- Peter not only witnessed these things but he participated in them ... the disciples were praying over people and casting out demons as Jesus would pair them up and send them out..
- You may remember the moment that a father came to Jesus pleading for Jesus to deliver his child .. the disciples were trying but they couldn't do it.... The disciples were participants in doing the same things that Jesus did.
- So it was reasonable to expect Peter to be successful in the Kingdom thing ... after all he had every advantage to do so and yet we see him fail it's an Epic failure...
- That failure has driven Peter to go back to what he use to do Peter has returned to his past.
- The wrong response to failure will lead you to your past and contain you there unless you RESET.
- And in John 21 we have this beautiful encounter where Jesus seeks out Peter and the other boys that had left and gone fishing...
- We have this repeated miracle where Jesus says have you any fish? They did not... Jesus says cast your nets to the other side of the boat and they catch this odd number of 153 fish... believed by some to be 153 various fish which was a prophetic picture of the calling on Peter's life that he

would be a fisherman of men he would even take this message to gentiles... to all men and all various nations... the calling is to reach the world for Jesus...

- And then you have this beautiful conversation between Jesus and Peter ...
- Peter do you love me?
- Jesus asks two times do you agape me Do you love me with that ultimate sacrificial love and Peter is responding I phileo you ... I love you like a bud ... like a brother ... a downgraded love..
- And not to be hard on Peter .. this was the first step of Jesus resetting his soul ... Peter is now broken ... he has dropped the macho façade and he is now being real and honest..
- Remember the three steps of reset after failure....

• Plunge or Fall Towards Jesus

• BE REAL..... Come Clean.... Be transparent...

• Trust HIM FOLLOW HIM

- Peter has plunged towards Jesus..... Peter is now being transparent with Jesus and honest about where his heart is....
- And now Jesus is resetting his soul with this series of Questions.. Peter do you love me?
- Upon that third question, Jesus downgrades the question ... Peter do you Phileo me ... Jesus is meeting Peter where he is... Peter is at a Phileo level of love..
- Phileo love is all he has ever loved Jesus with even though he boasted having an agape love,
- Phileo love will fight for someone but it won't die for someone.... Agape love will lay down one's life for another... but not a phileo love..
- None of the disciples have made it too this level of love yet but this is the goal of Jesus for his disciples just as it is for us....
- Agape love is a completed love or a mature love that Jesus desires for all of us...
- This is the level of love that Jesus loves us with.
- This is the level of love required to die to self, to take up your cross and follow him...
- The Gospel of redemption is driven by his love for us... the transformation process in our lives is driven by our love response to him...
- Listen to a few verses regarding love...

John 15:13 (NASB)

¹³Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Romans 13:8 (NASB)

⁸Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves ^[a]his neighbor has fulfilled *the* law.

1 Corinthians 16:14 (NASB)

¹⁴Let all that you do be done in love.

John 14:15 (NASB)

¹⁵"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NASB)

¹³But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the ^[a]greatest of these is love.

- When we step over into Glory faith will be no use to us anymore....
- We won't need hope any longer
- Faith and hope will have become obsolete ... they will have fulfilled their purpose as we stand before the face of God BUT love will last FOREVER.... Because 1 John 4:8 tells us....

1 John 4:8 (NASB)

⁸The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

- So there is something we need to understand this morning from this Jesus encounter..... this reset of the soul of Peter....
- This is the very same process that each and every one of us are being processed through to be made complete in Jesus
- There is a sculpturing process we experience by the hand of Jesus ... and he is the master sculptor.
- Jesus is chipping away everything in our soul, our mind and will, that doesn't look like him..
- This is what John the Baptist stated... the devourer of the devourer said I must decrease and he must increase..... that comes by soul reset Soul sculpturing And Jesus is the master sculpture ... he is the master potter and we are the clay....
- But let's look at the process....
- In my mind I can see Peter reacting to this miracle in John 21 as jumps out of the boat...it's not Peter's first time to jump out of the boat ... but as Peter swims towards Jesus, in my mind I can see him down in the water as a hand extends down to him to lift him out.....
- And if I were Jesus I know the next words out of my mouth may have been to set him straight, to tell him off, to give him a piece of my mind for forsaking me and abandoning me after he had boasted that he would die for me...
- Sometimes what we want to do to others is unload on them everything that we feel... how we have been hurt ... AND AS CURRY JUNEAU SO ELEQUENTLY PUT IT GET OVER IT....
- I'VE STATED THIS BEFORE ... I DID A SERMON ON THIS ONE POINT
- THE ROAD TO HELL IS NOT PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS..... THE ROAD TO HELL IS PAVED WITH FEELINGS AND ALL OF OUR IMPULSES AND REACTIONS TO THEM..
- JESUS DOESN'T RESPOND TOWARDS PETER OUT OF HURT OR REACTION TO PETER'S PAST FAILURE JESUS ISN'T RESPONDING TO PETER'S FLESH..... JESUS IS RESPONDING TO HIS SPIRIT MAN

- JESUS IS LIFE PETER IN JOHN 20 received THE VERY LIFE OF JESUS WHEN JESUS BREATHED INTO HIM ...
- THIS IS A DIFFERENT MAN THAN THE GUY WHO DENIED HIM IN CHAPTER 18 ...
- JESUS IS SPEAKING TO THE LIFE .. AND THE GRACE THAT IS NOW WITHIN PETER ... NOT HIS STINKING FLESH...
- WHEN WE HURL OUR CRITISIMS AND OUR REACTIONS OF HURT FEELINGS AT ONE ANOTHER were no longer speaking to spirit ... we have lost sight and are focused on flesh...

2 Corinthians 5:16 (NASB)

¹⁶Therefore from now on we recognize no one ^[a]according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ ^[b]according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer.

- 2 Corinthians' Chapter 5 is incredible This verse is followed by Paul saying we are NEW CREATURES....
- Peter in this encounter with Jesus is a new creature and Jesus is speaking to the life and the Grace within him...
- Peter's destiny, calling and purpose will rise forth from his spirit man ... not his flesh...
- Jesus is wasting no time with his flesh ...
- Jesus wastes no time in accusation or criticism .. he speaks to his spirit..
- Peter is about to be thrust out into the world to make disciples of other men....
- Discipling is a CRAFT Discipling is the formation of the character of Christ in others..
- When you disciple .. you are sculpting the character and the ways of Christ in another and the materials used THE FOUNDATION YOU BUILD UPONis called GRACE...
- You can't do this by prying into every mistake and every shortfall....
- You will not accomplish things of the spirit in another soul through that tactic...
- You must look at them according to the spirit and speak to the grace that you see in their lives...
- Peter didn't have grace for Jesus to speak to his failure .. he needed Jesus to speak to his heart... to his spirit ... not his flesh...
- Peter would have been crushed under the weight of fault finding and criticism..
- Nothing would be rebuilt in him or RESET in me in that manner ... that's demolition not reconstructing....
- A wise friend .. one in whom I think is the most prolific disciple makers that I have personally ever known ... his life is evidenced with fruit as a disciple maker...
- He told me ... Greg... I'm discipling someone right now ... and there are so many things I'm dying to speak out against that see wrong in his life .. but I can't do that .. it would destroy him ... I have to speak to what I see God has graced him to overcome...
- In other words ... we have to recognize that process in their lives and only speak to the things we see God dealing with IN them .. to recognize the grace .. to speak to the spirit and what God is doing in them .. not ever flaw we see in their flesh...
- When we come against every flaw and mistake we actually begin to amputate and cause bleed out ... that approach KILLS...

- The flesh KILLS ... the Spirit produces LIFE.... LIFE produces LIFE
 - **PLEASE HEAR ME ... THIS COULD HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE ... IT COULD AID YOU IN RAISING THAT SON OR DAUGHTER TO STEP INTO THEIR LIVES CALLING AND PURPOSE SOONER THAN LATER IF YOU LEARN THE SKILL OF CRAFTING A SOUL....**
 - My failure in crafting the souls of my children ...
 - For the protection of my own family I offer no details This story is about me not them... but as your kids get older ... you don't stop being a parent ... yet you can't parent in the same manner when their adults as you did when they were kids.... Sometimes you have to step back and even watch them fail and it's difficult to do...
- But I found myself at a point in their lives ... trying to fix them by coming against everything I saw that was wrong.
- TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT MY METHODS WERE NOT WORKING...
- MY APPROACH WAS NOT PRODUCING THE DESIRED RESULT....
- IT WASN'T MY KIDS WHO NEEDED TO CHANGE IT WAS ME...
- THE LAW MY LAW ... SERVED ONLY THE FLESH AND IT PRODUCED NOTHING OF THE SPIRIT IN THEM.....
 - Often we see the flesh in others and we're annoyed!!!!
 - We respond and pop off and criticize and complain only because we are looking at the flesh and not the spirit...
 - That kid that can't keep their mouth shut and talks constantly ... that kid who was created in the image of God with a plan and purpose for the kingdom in his or her life and that talkativeness is driving you crazy and you keep responding out of anger..... But the reality that talkativeness you see a flesh..... is the product of a gift for gab that God put there...maybe that child will grow to be a preacher ... a teacher ... a speaker...
 - That kid that just seems to dominate the room and wear you out .. they seem high maintenance to you but maybe God planted skills in them to be a leader to be a mover and a shaker and all we're seeing is flesh...
 - That kid that has the quick tendency to talk back at you... and argues with you all the time. .. you just want get a hold of them and shut that trap..... Come on now I'm not the only one But as you look at their flesh you see a disrespectful young person but if you look at their spirit you may see a God producing a Christian lawyer .. the next Jay Seculo ... or the next defender of the faith in apologetics The next Josh McDowell....
 - Josh McDowell was an atheist before he became one of the leading men in apologetics ... he went from a person who believed there was no God to one of the churches greatest defenders of the faith.
 - What will you chose to see Flesh or spirit?

1 John 1:1 (NASB)

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—

- And that word of Life is JESUS.....
- **Kelvin Spencer – We lost our dear Kelvin** Spencer about 2 weeks ago ... and a week or two before his passing ... we were there with him in the Hospital and I saw something that I will never forget...

Kelvin was so weak ... he couldn't lift his own hands But when we would talk about the WORD OF LIFE..... you would see an energy adrenaline surge through him .. he would raise up and start talking away regarding the WORD.....

It would override his broken flesh ... because the life is not in the flesh .. the life is in the spirit man ... speak to the spirit man Look upon the spirit man....

- This is exactly how God deals with us..... JUST AS Jesus was dealing with Peter.....
- How cannot tell you how many times God has stopped me in my anger towards my kids and whispered in my ear Aren't you glad I don't do that to you?,,, or he gives me pause asking me ... is this how I discipline you? And it would typically settle my soul and open my eyes to see my kids in light of GRACE and not flesh...
- This isn't even a parenting or marriage sermon ... this is how you produce LIFE in others....

Psalm 103:8 (NASB)

⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

- WHY? Because he is about forming life...
- The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy ... but Jesus came that we may have LIFE
- Jesus RESET PETER through mercy and GRACE....
- We must learn the same skill of crafting souls... as Jesus did
- Peter has been RESET to go and do unto others in the same grace and mercy Jesus has done unto him...
- We must be RESET to do the same....

A COUPLE OF THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Honesty of heart is what God wants from us anything OTHER is rooted in pride and displays itself in religion rather than relationship. It produces nothing!
2. Jesus has no problem in meeting you at that place of honesty. He will never go along with the pretense but he will run and seek out any honest broken heart.
3. Just as Jesus focus was the condition of the heart the crafting of a soul is tender and gracious. Just as Jesus has been with US, so should we be with others.
4. Crafting of another soul does not require unmasking every mistake, failure or hurt feeling.
5. Crafting of a soul requires the one crafting to recognize the grace in the soul being crafted.
6. To hold that person to every failure and mistake is only holding them to their failure of the law. Just as Jesus did not do this with Peter we should not do this to one another, but stay the course form Jesus in one another.
7. The ultimate goal is to see one another deepened in our love for God. The deeper we go ... the higher he really does carry us.