

Restoration

- Restoration of furniture, cars, homes: Sanding staining tearing out and replacing or repairing the broken pieces
- It takes a lot of hard work to do a restoration.
- It's hard to restore things but it's even harder to restore people.
- **Joel 2:25 The LORD says, "I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts**
- God promised to Israel to restore what the locust took from them.
- These locusts were of Israel's own disobedience to God.
- What about us?
- Are our lives in need of restoration?
- In John 21: 1-19 we see a story of someone Jesus had restored
- **Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. 2 Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.**
- **3 Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing."**
- **"We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.**
- Peter and the other disciples went to a place that was familiar and did something that was familiar.
- It is human nature when we seemed to be lost or confused or just not sure to go back to something familiar, comfortable. Peter did this.
- This is the start of the restoration of Peter.
- Jesus comes into the story.
- **4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. 5 He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied.**
- **6 Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.**
- This is another familiar story for Peter.
- **Luke 5:4–7 (NLT)**
- **4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."**

- **5 “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” 6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.**
- I believe that Jesus created this situation to remind Peter about the first time he met Jesus.
- At first they didn’t know it was Jesus until they caught the fish.
- **7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. 8 The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards* from shore. 9 When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.**
- **10 “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.**
- **12 “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. 14 This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.**
- Here we see another familiar scene with Jesus.
- The fish and the bread.
- When we need to be restored we need to go to the memories of when we were strong. We need to go back to when we walked with God.
- When our lives were not in shambles
- Jesus took Peter to those times.
- **15 After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”**
- **“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.**
- **16 Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”**
- **“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.**
- **17 A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”**

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- There are three Greek words for love.
- Eros, which is a physical love
- Phileo, which is brotherly love
- Agape, which is that perfect love. I love you without condition.
- The conversation between Jesus and Peter went like this; “Simon son of John, do you **Agape** me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I **Phileo** you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.
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- In this process of restoration Jesus met Peter where he was. Changing the word for the type of love Jesus met Peter at his commitment level.
- Jesus does that for us as well when we need to be restored.
- In our pain and our troubles. In our sorrow and brokenness.
- Jesus is there meeting us where we are at.
- There is something else in this restoration process.
- After each exchange Jesus gave Peter a purpose.
- Feed my lambs, take care of my sheep, feed my sheep.
- Why is a purpose important to our restoration?
- I believe that as we focus on others the pain from our brokenness lessens.
- Because of love for God we would do what He asks of us.
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